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**CITY OF HOBOKEN
RESOLUTION NO.:** _____

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE HOBOKEN PLANNING BOARD TO ADD THE UNION DRY DOCK PROPERTY AT 901 SINATRA DRIVE TO THE LIST OF “PLANNED AND POSSIBLE NEW PARKS” IN THE 2017 CITY OF HOBOKEN MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION REPORT AND MASTER PLAN OPEN SPACE PLAN MAP

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken adopted a new Master Plan in 2004 recognizing that Hoboken is densely developed with a growing population, including many younger people, and “in need of additional parks, recreation, and open space”; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken 2004 Master Plan acknowledges that Hoboken’s 0.78 acres of park for every 1,000 residents is well below New York City’s urban standard of 2.5 acres and the national standard of 6.25 to 10.5 acres as the appropriate ratio of parkland per 1,000 residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken 2004 Master Plan recommends a green circuit around Hoboken’s periphery, including the waterfront, thus connecting the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway and the series of existing waterfront parks; and,

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the 2004 Master Plan the City has acquired or been deeded additional open space and continues in the process of acquiring, designing, and building-out more open space, but notwithstanding this fact, the City’s population has continued to increase, and our open space ratio remains below that of what is desired; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 provides that each municipality shall perform a reexamination of their master plan at least every ten years, a process that the City of Hoboken is currently undertaking; and,

WHEREAS, Union Dry Dock & Repair Company at 901 Sinatra Drive (Block 259 & Lot 1), an industrial barge repair facility since 1976, is a property that may be currently available for acquisition, and if this land is available for acquisition as public open space, the City should evaluate the opportunity and consider so acquiring said property; and,

WHEREAS, securing Union Dry Dock for public parkland would connect Castle Point Park to Maxwell Place Park, adding over 3 acres of parkland and completing one of the final missing links in Hoboken’s string of waterfront parks; and,

WHEREAS, building a park at the Union Dry Dock site would complete the final missing piece of Hoboken’s portion of the 18-mile Hudson River Waterfront Walkway that, once the Walkway is completed, will span from the Bayonne Bridge to the George Washington Bridge; and,

WHEREAS, completing Hoboken’s waterfront park from Fourth to Eleventh Streets to a standard comparable to the parks at the Hoboken South Waterfront would create a model riverfront that other communities will seek to emulate and a legacy that would benefit generations to come; and,

WHEREAS, 2,174 people petitioned Hoboken’s Mayor and City Council, submitted on July 5, 2017, requesting that Union Dry Dock be added as proposed parkland to the Hoboken Master Plan and Open Space Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hoboken City Council recommends to the Hoboken Planning Board that, as part of its 2017 Master Plan Reexamination Report, to include Block 259 and Lot 1, also known as 901 Sinatra Drive, Hoboken, New Jersey, on the Open Space Plan map and add it to the list of “Planned and Possible New Parks and Recreation”; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Hoboken evaluate the acquisition of Union Dry Dock among its significant priorities in its open space planning and, in cooperation with stakeholders, explore the possible options to secure this land for public open space.

Meeting Date: August 2, 2017

Councilperson	Yea	Nay	Abstain/Present	Absent
Ravinder Bhalla				
Peter Cunningham				
Michael DeFusco				
James Doyle				
Tiffanie Fisher				
David Mello				
Ruben Ramos, Jr.				
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