

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2019-060

AUTHORIZING FIVE YEAR EXTENSION OF ORDERLY ANNEXATION
AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

- WHEREAS, the City of Northfield (the “City”) and Bridgewater Township (the “Township”) previously entered into a Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation (“orderly annexation agreement”), dated August 25, 1999, with an expiration date of December 31, 2019, a copy of which is appended hereto; and
- WHEREAS, the Northfield City Council (“City Council”) previously passed Resolution 2019-014 expressing the City Council’s support of negotiating a new orderly annexation agreement with Bridgewater Township, or in the alternative, extending the term of the existing orderly annexation agreement, and appointing a subcommittee of the City Council to oversee City staff negotiations of the same with Bridgewater Township representatives; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council has preliminarily reviewed proposed terms for a new orderly annexation agreement from the Bridgewater Town Board, which included a requirement that the City support a petition for incorporation of Bridgewater Township; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council remains committed to resolving urban and suburban growth and jurisdictional boundary adjustments issues of mutual concern to the City and Bridgewater Township through a new orderly annexation agreement, and believes that Bridgewater Township’s incorporation during negotiations for such an agreement or after such an agreement is made would frustrate the parties’ joint efforts to plan for and sustainably accommodate such anticipated future urban and suburban growth and development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to communicate a proposal to Bridgewater Township to extend the parties’ existing orderly annexation agreement (appended hereto) for a period of five additional years, on the condition that a provision be added to the existing agreement pursuant to which Bridgewater Township commits not to file a petition for incorporation, or otherwise support a property owner petition for incorporation, of any portion of Bridgewater Township during the term of such extension, in order to allow ample time for the parties to engage in good faith negotiations to resolve any and all issues of mutual concern regarding future growth and jurisdictional boundaries, and thereby avoid an adversarial process.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 18th day of June, 2019.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ____ POWNELL ____ DELONG ____ GRABAU ____ NAKASIAN
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APPENDIX: Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation, dated August 25, 1999