

RESOLUTION #12-06

Resolution approving the contingent sale of Midway Stadium to the Port Authority in the event of construction of a new Lowertown Regional Ballpark

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission (“Commission”) is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and city-wide matters related to Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Section 13.01.1 of the City Charter requires that the Commission review all requests to divert or dispose of park property and to present a recommendation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul owns park land known as Midway Stadium located at 1771 Energy Park Dr, PIN 28.29.23.13.0008 (“Park Property”) that is the home of the Saint Paul Saints minor league baseball team as well as the city’s municipal stadium. The Park Property is maintained by the Department of Parks and Recreation (“Department; and

WHEREAS, the Midway Stadium site is comprised of 12.77 acres, or 556,261 square feet, and has an assessed land value of \$3,347,600, and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul (“City”) through its Department of Parks and Recreation and in collaboration with the Saint Paul Saints seeks to acquire property and obtain financing for the public purpose of developing and constructing a regional ballpark (“Ballpark”) in the Lowertown neighborhood of Downtown Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the City is successful in constructing the Ballpark in Lowertown, the Department of Parks and Recreation will no longer need Midway Stadium and would like to be free to dispose of the Midway Stadium site and to accept the land in Lowertown as adequate replacement property for diversion purposes; and

WHEREAS, because the Lowertown properties will be acquired first and the sale of Midway Stadium to the Port Authority will only happen if the City successfully builds the Ballpark on land acquired from the Port Authority, the City wishes to credit the land acquired from the Port Authority as the replacement parkland in the event of a sale of Midway Stadium to the Port Authority, and



