

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the New Jersey voters approved the Library Construction Bond Act (“Bond Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the West Orange Public Library, through its Board of Trustees and Executive Director, submitted an application for funds concerning the new Library at 10 Rooney Circle in the Township (the “New Library”); and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2020, the State of New Jersey approved the Library’s grant application in an amount of approximately \$3.1 million (the “Library Grant”); and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the Appellate Division’s Decision on September 11, 2020, the Township began a new designation process pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (“LRHL”) of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 15, 2020, the Township Council approved the designation of 10 Rooney Circle and other properties as areas in need of redevelopment pursuant to the LRHL and certain litigation is pending concerning same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has also approved the designation of 46 Mt. Pleasant Avenue which is the current site of the West Orange Public Library as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bond Act grant requires proof of matching funds for the New Library; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined that matching funds for the New Library will come from the following sources: (i) \$1 million from the redeveloper on the current Library site; (ii) the sale of the current Department of Public Works site on Lakeside Avenue; (iii) funds

available from the Executive Drive RAB; and (iv) bond financing to bridge the sources (the “Matching Funds”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is moving forward with the redevelopment and intends to consider adoption of the proposed financial agreement on first reading at its February 23, 2021 meeting and second reading on March 9, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the State requires proof of the Township’s intention to provide the Matching Funds;

**NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, that the Township hereby certifies its continuing commitment to provide the Matching Funds as the redevelopment process continues to be finalized and is desirous of obtaining the Library Grant as approved by the State of New Jersey; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the New Jersey State Library, Governor of the State of New Jersey, State Senator and Assemblypersons and available for inspection during normal business hours and online.

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**Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.**  
Township Clerk

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**Cindy Matute-Brown**  
Council President

**Adopted: February 23, 2021**