

RESOLUTION R-18-16

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING GRAPHIC PACKAGING INTERNATIONAL TO PURSUE SALE OF OPERATING PLANT

Introduced by Ald. James Taylor

Whereas, The Washington Street facility has been a fixture in the City of Menasha for 80 years, and Whereas, during that entire time it has provided family supporting jobs that contributed to the well-being and prosperity of the surrounding community, and

Whereas, the Washington Street facility is, to this day, a profitable enterprise, and Whereas, the two Unions that represent the workers at the Washington Street facility have agreed to concessions, in recent years, to help keep the plant profitable, covering such things as retirement plans, new hire pay structures, staffing levels and vacation allotment, and

Whereas, Graphic Packaging International would not be in the stable financial situation it is today if not for the contributions and products produced by the employees of the Washington Street Facility, and Whereas, GPI now wants to completely shutter the facility, because it does not fit into its current portfolio, and abandon its employees and the City of Menasha, and

Whereas, the City of Menasha has been a working partner with all the Owners of this facility, throughout the years, providing Police and Fire Protection, reasonable Utility fees and other vital infrastructure needs, and

Whereas, just because GPI no longer wants to operate this facility, does not mean that some other Owner could not continue to be profitable operating the facility, and

Whereas, leaving another empty shell of a building will only, more than likely, place an undue burden on the taxpayers of the City of Menasha in the future, now

Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Menasha calls on the Owners of the Washington Street Facility, Graphic Packaging International, to do everything in their power, to explore all avenues and options, to offer the existing Plant for Sale, as is, in an effort to show their corporate responsibility to its employees and the community at large.

Passed and approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Donald Merkes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah A. Galeazzi, Clerk