OA-790-1 Rockford City Resolution No. 2001-100 Town Resolution No. 2001-2

STRATEGIC AND LONG RANGE PLANNING OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROCKFORD AND THE TOWN OF ROCKFORD PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414))	ORDER	

WHEREAS, a joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Rockford and the Town of Rockford; and

WHEREAS, a resolution was received from the City of Rockford and the Town of Rockford indicating their desire that certain property be annexed to the City of Rockford pursuant to M.S. 414.0325, Subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 414.0325, M.S. 414.11, and M.S. 414.12 states that in certain circumstances the Director of the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning may review and comment, but shall within 30 days order the annexation of land pursuant to said subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the property subject to the joint resolution is contained within an agricultural preserve; and

WHEREAS, land within an agricultural preserve may not be annexed except upon certain findings pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 40A.121; and

WHEREAS; on November 8, 2001, the affidavit of Richard J. Morley and Jill K. Morley, and a certified copy of a NOTICE INITIATING EXPIRATION OF AN

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE filed with Wright County was received; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2001, the Director of the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning has reviewed and accepted the resolution for orderly annexation;

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Richard J. Morley and Jill K. Morley, individually and as trustees for the Jill
 K. Morley Revocable trust are the owners of the property described herein.
- 2. The owners of said property have filed a NOTICE OF INITIATING EXPIRATION OF AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE with Wright County on June 30, 1999 as required by Minnesota Statute Section 40A.11.
- 3. The requirements of Minnesota Statute Section 40A.121 for annexation of land within an agricultural zone have been met.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the following described property is hereby annexed in accordance with the terms of the resolution to the City of Rockford, Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

Parcel One: That part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 119, Range 24, Wright County, Minnesota, lying Southerly of the southerly right-of-way of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad, containing 63.64 acres.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2001.

For the Director of the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning 658 Cedar Street - Room 300 St. Paul, MN 55155

Christine M. Scotillo Executive Director

Municipal Boundary Adjustments

MEMORANDUM

In ordering the annexation contained in Docket No. OA-790-1, the Director of Strategic and Long Range Planning finds and makes the following comment:

Planning in the area designated for orderly annexation must be provided for by one of three provisions set forth in Minnesota Statutes Section 414.0325, Subd. 5. The joint resolution does not make reference to which of the three statutory provisions the parties have agreed on to govern planning in the designated area.

The parties are encouraged to consider this comment in light of any further amendments that may be otherwise necessary to this agreement for orderly annexation.