



## CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

### City Council Agenda Communication

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**Meeting Date:** February 15, 2021

**Prepared By:** Jon Oliphant, AICP, Planning & Development Director

**Agenda Item:** First Reading Ordinance – Core & Main Freedom Parkway Property Sales Tax Revenue Sharing Agreement

**Explanation:** February 5: This has been updated to reflect a desire from the Core & Main legal staff to insert language in Section 8 pertaining to the reporting of financial documentation and to delete a clause in Section 10 pertaining to indemnification. Our City Attorney has approved both of these changes.

Core & Main has been exploring a relocation to a new site in the region for a few years as it has outgrown its current location at 115 N. Cummings Lane. A similar business under at least three different names has been at that site since 1970. It has maximized the space at its current location and expressed considerable interest in a new site, which would allow it to construct a building to its exact specifications and have additional outside storage space. It identified a location at the southwest corner of Freedom Parkway and N. Cummings to be a good fit to allow an expansion of its business. The business submitted a letter of intent indicating that it plans to purchase five acres of land on the property owned by Sam Miller. A 10,000 square foot building is initially proposed for its office and indoor warehouse. Core & Main would also look to sell its current property in coordination with the development of its new site.

There is a significant cost for the relocation and eventual construction. The move would allow for one of the larger sales tax generators to continue operating in Washington and the new space should allow its business to grow. The location at Freedom and N. Cummings would also be the second business to locate in that area in the last two years and the first that would directly utilize Freedom Parkway. There only figures to be more demand for development along this corridor once the road is eventually constructed, as both water and sewer are currently installed. The Freedom Phase I engineering is nearing completion and the desire would be to then proceed into Phase II engineering and potentially allow for a shovel-ready project later in 2021.

**Fiscal Impact:** In order to assist with the cost of the move and construction, consideration should be given to offering City financial assistance. Staff had two prior discussions with the Finance and Personnel Committee about offering a portion of the home rule sales tax to the business. Specific parameters within the attached agreement would be set up to protect both the City and the business. A cap of \$20,000 would be offered to Core & Main for up to each of the first eight full years following the completion of the project. This would only apply if the business generates \$50,000 in home rule sales tax each year, which it currently exceeds. The home rule sales tax would be rebated to Core & Main for each additional dollar it generates beyond \$50,000 with a maximum rebate of \$20,000 per year. The Enterprise Zone would also apply another incentive to the development.

#### **Recommendation/**

**Committee Discussion Summary:** The consideration of offering this development incentive was initially discussed at the March 2020 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. An update was given to the committee in July and the desire was to offer this for ten years, which was reduced to eight years following a recommendation by the City Treasurer.

**Action Requested:** Staff recommends approval of the attached home rule sales tax sharing agreement to assist with the land acquisition and development for a prominent city business. It would help retain a longstanding business that employs 14 people and is a significant sales tax generator. It is great that Core & Main wishes to continue making Washington one of its branch locations.

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City of Washington  
Attn: City Clerk

301 Walnut Street  
Washington, IL 61571

With a copy to:

Derek A. Schryer  
Davis & Campbell L.L.C.  
401 Main Street, Suite 1600  
Peoria, IL 61602

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General Counsel  
1830 Craig Park Court  
St. Louis, MO 63109

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10. **Indemnification.** C&M hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the City and its officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any losses, costs, damages, liabilities, claims, suits, actions, causes of action and expenses (including without limitation, attorneys' fees and court costs) suffered or incurred by the City arising from or in connection with (a) the performance or non-performance by C&M of its obligations under this Agreement. ~~(b) the failure of C&M to pay contractors or materialmen in connection with the Project, or (c) any and all liability, damages, claims, causes of action and responsibility whatsoever on account of any injury to any person or damage to any property arising out of or in any way connected with the Project.~~

11. **Default/Remedies.** The failure of a Party to materially comply with its obligations under this Agreement shall constitute a default by such Party. The Party claiming the occurrence of such default shall notify the other Party of same specifying the nature of the default and shall demand performance by the defaulting Party within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice specifying such default. Unless, within such thirty (30) day period either (a) the defaulting Party, (i) cures such default, or (ii) if it is not reasonable to cure the default within said thirty (30) day period, the Party in default commences action to cure such default and completes the curing of such default within a reasonable time or (b) the Party claiming default, by written notice given to the defaulting Party, either waives the default or grants the defaulting Party a longer period to cure, then, after the expiration of such thirty (30) period or such longer period as the Party claiming the default may grant or the Party in default may be entitled under the foregoing clause (a)(ii), without, in any such case, such default not being cured or waived, the Party claiming the default may pursue all remedies available at law and equity, including specific performance.

In the event legal action or other proceeding is brought for enforcement of this Agreement or with respect to an alleged breach, default or misrepresentation, the successful or prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing Party its reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs (including any fees and costs incident to appeals) in addition to any other relief hereunder to which such Party may be entitled.

12. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois.

13. **Appropriation.** To the extent the City is required to do so by law, the City has taken (or shall take) such actions as may be required from time to time to appropriate funds pursuant to Illinois law to satisfy its obligations to C&M under this Agreement.

14. **Integration.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. All prior agreements, negotiations, and understandings are expressly merged herein and superseded hereby.

15. **Severability.** Each section of this Agreement, and each sentence, clause or phrase contained in such section, shall be considered severable and if, for any reason, any section, or any sentence, clause or phrase contained in such section, is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not impair the operation or affect enforceability or validity of the remaining portions of this Agreement.

16. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended by, and only by, a written instrument authorized in accordance with law and signed by both Parties.

17. **Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon: (i) the City and any successor corporate authorities of the City; and (ii) C&M. This Agreement may not be assigned by C&M to any grantee, lessee, assign or other third party without the City's consent, which consent may be withheld in the sole discretion of the City.

18. **Effectiveness of this Agreement.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to impose any duty or obligation upon C&M to acquire the Property, to undertake the development and construction of the Project or any other on-site or off-site improvements or to operate the Project, it being expressly acknowledged and agreed, however, that the City's obligations to C&M hereunder are premised and conditioned on the generation of Sales Taxes from the Project as the sole source of reimbursement hereunder.

19. **Counterparts: Facsimile Signatures.** This Agreement may be executed in more than one counterpart, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Facsimile or other electronically transmitted signatures on this Agreement shall constitute original signatures of the Parties.

20. **Construction.** Section or other headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.



21. **Time is of the Essence.** Time is of the essence of this Agreement and of each and every provision hereof.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the dates set forth below their respective signatures, to be effective as of the Effective Date.

**CORE & MAIN LP**, a Florida limited partnership

By:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Its:

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Date:

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Given under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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LOCATION MAP



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St. Louis, MO 63109

10. **Indemnification.** C&M hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the City and its officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any losses, costs, damages, liabilities, claims, suits, actions, causes of action and expenses (including without limitation, attorneys' fees and court costs) suffered or incurred by the City arising from or in connection with the performance or non-performance by C&M of its obligations under this Agreement.

11. **Default/Remedies.** The failure of a Party to materially comply with its obligations under this Agreement shall constitute a default by such Party. The Party claiming the occurrence of such default shall notify the other Party of same specifying the nature of the default and shall demand performance by the defaulting Party within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice specifying such default. Unless, within such thirty (30) day period either (a) the defaulting Party, (i) cures such default, or (ii) if it is not reasonable to cure the default within said thirty (30) day period, the Party in default commences action to cure such default and completes the curing of such default within a reasonable time or (b) the Party claiming default, by written notice given to the defaulting Party, either waives the default or grants the defaulting Party a longer period to cure, then, after the expiration of such thirty (30) period or such longer period as the Party claiming the default may grant or the Party in default may be entitled under the foregoing clause (a)(ii), without, in any such case, such default not being cured or waived, the Party claiming the default may pursue all remedies available at law and equity, including specific performance.

In the event legal action or other proceeding is brought for enforcement of this Agreement or with respect to an alleged breach, default or misrepresentation, the successful or prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing Party its reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs (including any fees and costs incident to appeals) in addition to any other relief

hereunder to which such Party may be entitled.

12. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois.

13. **Appropriation.** To the extent the City is required to do so by law, the City has taken (or shall take) such actions as may be required from time to time to appropriate funds pursuant to Illinois law to satisfy its obligations to C&M under this Agreement.

14. **Integration.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. All prior agreements, negotiations, and understandings are expressly merged herein and superseded hereby.

15. **Severability.** Each section of this Agreement, and each sentence, clause or phrase contained in such section, shall be considered severable and if, for any reason, any section, or any sentence, clause or phrase contained in such section, is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not impair the operation or affect enforceability or validity of the remaining portions of this Agreement.

16. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended by, and only by, a written instrument authorized in accordance with law and signed by both Parties.

17. **Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon: (i) the City and any successor corporate authorities of the City; and (ii) C&M. This Agreement may not be assigned by C&M to any grantee, lessee, assign or other third party without the City's consent, which consent may be withheld in the sole discretion of the City.

18. **Effectiveness of this Agreement.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to impose any duty or obligation upon C&M to acquire the Property, to undertake the development and construction of the Project or any other on-site or off-site improvements or to operate the Project, it being expressly acknowledged and agreed, however, that the City's obligations to C&M hereunder are premised and conditioned on the generation of Sales Taxes from the Project as the sole source of reimbursement hereunder.

19. **Counterparts: Facsimile Signatures.** This Agreement may be executed in more than one counterpart, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Facsimile or other electronically transmitted signatures on this Agreement shall constitute original signatures of the Parties.

20. **Construction.** Section or other headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

21. **Time is of the Essence.** Time is of the essence of this Agreement and of each and every provision hereof.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the dates set forth below their respective signatures, to be effective as of the Effective Date.

**CORE & MAIN LP**, a Florida limited partnership

By:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Its:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_, of Core & Mail LP, a Florida limited partnership, who is personally known to me to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of said limited partnership, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he/she signed and delivered the foregoing Agreement as his/her own free and voluntary act and as the free and voluntary act of said limited partnership for the purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**CITY OF WASHINGTON**, an Illinois home rule  
municipal corporation

By:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Its:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF** \_\_\_\_\_ )  
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**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_ )

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_, of the City of Washington, an Illinois home rule municipal corporation, who is personally known to me to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of said municipal corporation, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he/she signed and delivered the foregoing Agreement as his/her own free and voluntary act and as the free and voluntary act of said municipal corporation for the purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public