## **RESOLUTION NO. 17-06**

## SUPPORT OF STATE OF WISCONSIN 2017-2019 INVESTMENT IN UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PLATTEVILLE

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville has its roots in the City of Platteville dating back to 1866 with the founding of the Platteville Normal School, Wisconsin's first state teacher preparation institution, founded in 1866, and then the establishment of the Wisconsin Mining Trade School in 1907; UW-Platteville is now the fastest-growing university in the UW System, with nearly nine thousand undergraduate and graduate students, and

WHEREAS, City of Platteville is a vibrant community with UW-Platteville located here; the University is the largest employer in the county; the institution stimulates \$7.8 million in economic activity for the City of Platteville; the University is a strong partner to the City of Platteville that provides numerous access points to address workforce needs, cultural enrichment, expertise and local community assistance; and

WHEREAS, a state investment in UW-Platteville benefits the City of Platteville; two UW-Platteville buildings projects were proposed, but not funded, in Governor Walker's Capital Budget, a new engineering building is the only new construction project, and phase two remodeling of Boebel Hall; the capital projects will provide an economic stimulus for the community while meeting future critical workforce needs in the region and state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Platteville urges the approval of these two projects in the state's 2017-19 biennial budget. They are important foundations of Southwest Wisconsin's future.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLATTEVILLE on the 14th day of March, 2017.

Eileen Neckels
Eileen Nickels, Council President

ATTEST:

Jan Martin, City Clerk