

RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency was convened in public session on December 18, 2018, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 233 East Washington Street, Syracuse, New York.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and upon the roll being duly called, the following members were:

PRESENT:

PRESENT: Michael Frame, Kenneth Kinsey, Ricky T. Brown, Kathleen Murphy

EXCUSED: Steven Thompson

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: Staff Present: Honora Spillane, Susan Katzoff, Esq., Meghan Ryan, Esq., Judith DeLaney, John Vavonese, Debbie Ramsey-Burns; Others Present: Stephanie Pasquale, Timothy Lynn, Esq., Aggie Lane, Rich Puchulski, Sheila Sicilia, Jessica Maxwell, Jonathan Grahman, Ryland Heagerty, Ryan Benz, Philip Maguire, Suzanne Slack, Kenneth Smith, Ariel Halstead, Kevin McAuliffe, Esq., Rebecca Fuentes, M. Kelly; Media: Rick Moriarty

The following resolution was offered by Kenneth Kinsey and seconded by Rickey T. Brown:

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE ACQUISITION, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, EQUIPPING AND COMPLETION OF A COMMERCIAL FACILITY AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMPANY CONSTITUTES A PROJECT; DESCRIBING THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (the "**Agency**") is authorized and empowered by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "**State**"), as amended, together with Chapter 641 of the Laws of 1979 of the State of New York, as amended from time to time (collectively, the "**Act**"), to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research and recreation facilities, for the purpose of promoting economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State, to improve their recreation opportunities, prosperity and standard of living; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to grant “financial assistance” (as defined in the Act) in connection with the acquisition, reconstruction and equipping of one or more “projects” (as defined in the Act); and

WHEREAS, by application dated November 6, 2018 (the “*Application*”), Commonsense Warren, LLC, or an entity to be formed (the “*Company*”), requested the Agency undertake a project (the “*Project*”) consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 17,788 sq. ft. of improved real property located at 349 South Warren St. (“*349*”); 351-53 South Warren Street (“*351*”) and 357-59 South Warren St. (“*357*”), each in the City of Syracuse, New York (the “*Land*”); (ii) the reconstruction and renovation of: (i) an existing approximately 15,180 sq. ft. building located at 349 consisting of the renovation and reconstruction of approximately 5,400 sq. ft. on the 4th and 5th floors into modern office space and the renovation of approximately 5,400 sq. ft. on the 4th and 5th floors into common work space; (ii) an existing approximately 68,185 sq. ft. building located at 351 consisting of the renovation and reconstruction of approximately 22,500 sq. ft. on the 6th, 7th and 8th floors to accommodate approximately 44 apartment units; and the renovation of approximately 7,500 sq. ft. on the 2nd floor into common work space; and (iii) an existing approximately 30,800 sq. ft. building located at 357 consisting of the renovation and reconstruction of approximately 3,000 sq. ft. on the 2nd floor to accommodate new office space with two doorways connecting the 2nd floor to 351; and approximately 1,000 sq. ft. in the basement of 357 to create an access corridor with 351, all located on the Land (the “*Facility*”); (iii) the acquisition and installation in and at the Land and Facility of furniture, fixtures and equipment (the “*Equipment*” and together with the Land and the Facility, the “*Project Facility*”); (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from real property tax, State and local sales and use tax and mortgage recording tax (in accordance with Section 874 of the General Municipal Law) (collectively the “*Financial Assistance*”); (C) the appointment of the Company or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, redevelopment, renovation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility; and (D) the lease of the Land and Facility by the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement and the acquisition of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency; and the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement; and

WHEREAS, each 349 and 351 contain retail space on the first floors, respectively, which will not be renovated as part of the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York promulgated thereunder (collectively referred to hereinafter as “*SEQRA*”), the Agency is required to make a determination with respect to the environmental impact of any “action” (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA) to be taken by the Agency and the approval of the Project constitutes such an action; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has not yet made a determination under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has not approved undertaking the Project or granting the Financial Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the grant of Financial Assistance to the Project is subject to, among other things, the Agency finding after a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act that the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by promoting economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State or increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the members of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, as follows:

(1) Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency, the Agency makes the following findings and determinations:

(A) The Project constitutes a “project” within the meaning of the Act;

(B) The Project is located in a “Highly Distressed Area” as defined in Section 854(18) of the Act;

(C) The Financial Assistance contemplated with respect to the Project consists of assistance in the form of exemptions from real property tax, State and local sales and use taxation and mortgage recording tax; and

(2) The Agency hereby directs that pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, a public hearing with respect to the Project and Financial Assistance shall be scheduled with notice thereof published, and such notice, as applicable, shall further be sent to affected tax jurisdictions within which the Project is located.

(3) The Secretary or the Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized to and may distribute copies of this Resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

(4) A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file in the office of the Agency where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Michael Frame	X	
Kenneth Kinsey	X	
Ricky T. Brown	X	
Kathleen Murphy	X	

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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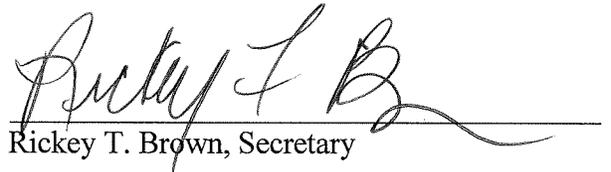
I, the undersigned Secretary of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) held on December 18, 2018, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same (including all exhibits) is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of the whole of such original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters referred to therein.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (i) all members of the Agency had due notice of such meeting, (ii) pursuant to Section 104 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), such meeting was open to the general public and public notice of the time and place of such meeting was duly given in accordance with such Section 104, (iii) the meeting was in all respects duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 19 day of December, 2018.

City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency



Rickey T. Brown, Secretary

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