

## RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency was convened in public session on January 21, 2020, at 8:00 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 Chair and upon the roll being duly called, the following members were:

**PRESENT:** Kathleen Murphy, Steven Thompson, Rickey T. Brown, Kenneth Kinsey

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:** Staff Present: Judith DeLaney, Susan Katzoff, Esq., John Vavonese, Debra Ramsey-Burns; Others Present: Deli Vargus, Gail Cawley, Zachary Benjamin, Esq., Joe Marusa, Brian Bouchard, Lauryn LaBourde, Rich Puchalski, Aggie Lane, Gail Montplaisir; Media: Rick Moriarty

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

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO MODIFICATIONS TO A PROJECT BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE AGENCY**

**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 June, 2019, Ranalli ALA, LLC, or an entity to be formed (the "**Company**"), requested the Agency undertake a project (the "**Original Project**") consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of an interest in approximately five (5) acres of land, consisting of five (5) separate parcels located at: 738-66 Erie Boulevard West (Tax Map No. 105.-09-13.0); 770 Erie Boulevard West (Tax Map No. 105.-09-14.0); 115 Van Rensselaer Street (Tax Map No. 105.-09-25); 221-23 Richmond Avenue (Tax Map No. 105.09-07.0); and 161-213

Richmond Avenue (Tax Map No. 105.-09-08.0), each in the City of Syracuse, New York, which parcels are currently being resubdivided into one parcel (collectively, the “**Original Land**”); (ii) the construction on the Original Land of an approximately 80,000 sq.ft. building and loading dock and approximately 106 parking spaces, to be used as a warehouse and distribution center (the “**Original Facility**”); (iii) the acquisition and installation in and on the Original Land and Original Facility of furniture, fixtures and equipment (the “**Original Equipment**” and together with the Original Land and the Original Facility, the “**Original Project Facility**”); (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from real estate taxes, State and local sales and use tax and mortgage recording tax (in accordance with Section 874 of the General Municipal Law) (collectively the “**Original Financial Assistance**”); (C) the appointment of the Company or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, construction, equipping and completion of the Original Project Facility; and (D) the lease of the Original Land and Original Facility by the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement and the acquisition of an interest in the Original Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency; and the sublease of the Original Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 16, 2019 the Agency held a public hearing, which had been properly noticed, with respect to the Original Project Facility; 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 has examined the EAF prepared by the Original Company in order to classify the Original Project and determined that the Original Project constitutes an “Unlisted” action as that term is defined under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, by amended application dated December 12, 2019 (the “**Application**”), the Company advised the Agency of certain modifications to the Original Project and requested the Agency undertake, at the request of the Company, the Original Project as modified (the “**Project**”) consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of an interest in approximately five and one half (5.5) acres of land, consisting of six (6) separate parcels located at: 738-66 Erie Boulevard West (Tax Map No. 105.-09-13.0); 770 Erie Boulevard West (Tax Map No. 105.-09-14.0); 115 Van Rensselaer Street (Tax Map No. 105.-09-25); 221-23 Richmond Avenue (Tax Map No. 105.09-07.0); 225-231 Richmond Avenue (Tax Map No. 105.-09-06); and 161-213 Richmond Avenue (Tax Map No. 105.-09-08.0), each in the City of Syracuse, New York, which parcels are currently being resubdivided into one parcel (collectively, the “**Land**”); (ii) the construction on the Land of an approximately 100,000 sq.ft. building and loading dock and approximately 93 parking spaces and approximately 20 spaces for truck docking/loading, to be used as a warehouse and distribution center (the “**Facility**”); (iii) the acquisition and installation in and on 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 estate taxes, 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, construction, 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**, the underlined language above constitutes the proposed changes from the Original Project to the newly proposed Project (collectively the "**Modifications**"); 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, as amended by the Modifications, constitutes such an action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has not yet made a determination under SEQRA with respect to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has not approved undertaking the amendments to the Original Project or granting the Financial Assistance with respect to the modified Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant of Financial Assistance to the Project, as amended by the Modifications, 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, solely as amended by the Modifications, and the Financial Assistance requested with respect to the Project, as amended by the Modifications, 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>
Kathleen Murphy	X	
Steven Thompson	X	
Rickey T. Brown	X	
Kenneth Kinsey	X	

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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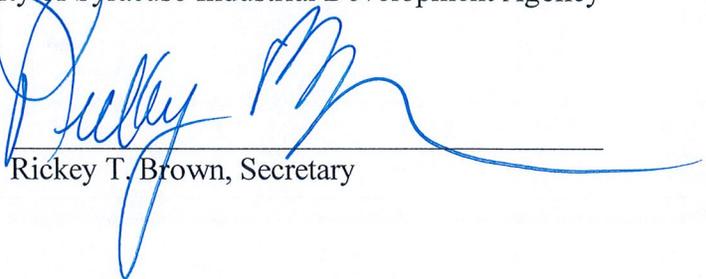
I, the undersigned Secretary of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (the “*Agency*”) held on January 21, 2020, with the original thereof on 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 18 day of February, 2020.

City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency



Rickey T. Brown, Secretary

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