

## RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency was convened in public session on November 19, 2019, 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 Chairman and upon the roll being duly called, the following members were:

**PRESENT:** Michael Frame, Steven Thompson, Kathleen Murphy, 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: Jeremy Cali, Ed Riley, Suzanne Stack, Donna Harris, Jen Tiff, Deli Vargus, Gail Cauley, Zach Benjamin, Esq., Joe Marisa, Rich Engel, Esq., Tom Douglas, Scott Freeman; Media: Rick Moriarty

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

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, EQUIPPING AND COMPLETION OF A MIXED-USE 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 12, 2019 (the "**Application**"), Smith Building, 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 11,604 sq. ft. of real property improved by an existing multi-story approximately 31,196 sq. ft building (the "**Building**"), located at 500 Erie Boulevard East, in the City of Syracuse, New York (the "**Land**"); (ii) (a) the renovation of the Building for mixed-use to include 37 apartments, common areas and commercial space as follows: (1) on the first floor, six apartment units totaling approximately 3,557 sq. ft., commercial/retail space totaling approximately 2,629 sq. ft. and approximately 2,602 of common area space; (2) on the second floor, eleven apartment units totaling approximately 6,371 sq. ft. and approximately 967 of common area space; (3) on the third floor, three apartment units totaling approximately 1,565 sq. ft. and approximately 416 sq. ft. of common area space; (4) on the fourth floor, eleven apartment units totaling approximately 6,371 sq. ft. and approximately 967 sq. ft. of common area space; (5) on the fifth floor, three apartment units totaling approximately 1,722 sq. ft. and approximately 416 sq.ft. of common area space; and (6) on the sixth floor, three apartment units totaling approximately 1,565 sq. ft. and approximately 416 sq. ft. of common area space; and (b) the construction of an approximately 263 sq. ft. addition on the east end of the Building to accommodate stairs and an elevator for residential occupants; site improvements including but not limited to sidewalk construction, tree pits, lighting and parking landscape buffer areas, all located on the Land (collectively, 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, 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**, of the 37 apartment units in the Facility, 80% will be affordable units rented to households earning 80% of the average area median income and 20% will be affordable units rented to households earning 65% average area median income; 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 taxes, 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	
Steven Thompson	X	
Kathleen Murphy	X	
Rickey T. Brown	X	
Kenneth Kinsey	X	

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

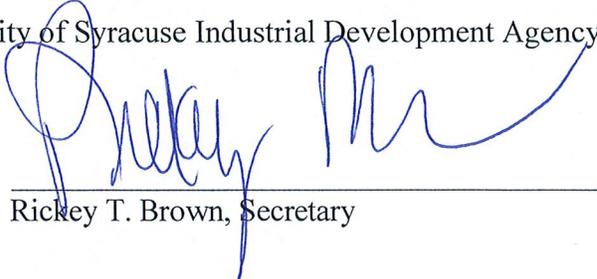
STATE OF NEW YORK            )  
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I, the undersigned Secretary of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (the “*Agency*”) held on November 19, 2019, 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 20 day of November, 2019.

City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency  
  
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Rickey T. Brown, Secretary

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