

## RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency was convened in public session on June 18, 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 Vice Chairman and upon the roll being duly called, the following members were:

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

**EXCUSED:** Michael Frame

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:** Staff: Judith Delaney, Susan R. Katzoff, Esq., Debra Ramsey-Burns, John Vavonese; Others: James Trasher, Mitch Lattimer, Lauryn LaBorde, Aggie Lane, Stephanie Pasquale, Joseph Marcus, Eric Ennis; Media: Rick Moriarty, Channel 9

The following resolution was offered by Rickey T. Brown and seconded by Kathleen Murphy:

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, 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 April 30, 2019, as supplemented on June 12, 2019

(the "*Application*"), Syracuse Soma Project LLC, or an entity to be formed (the "*Company*"), requested the Agency undertake a project (the "*Project*") consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition or continuation of an interest in approximately 25,378 sq. ft. of real property located at 214 West Water Street, in the City of Syracuse, New York (the "*Land*"); (ii) the construction of an approximately 11,300 sq.t. 10-story addition to existing approximately 57,300 sq.ft. buildings consisting of: approximately 1,200 sq.ft of commercial/retail space on the first floor facing Fayette Street; approximately 6,700 sq.ft automated parking lift system providing approximately 72 parking spaces on floors one and two; approximately 98,000 sq.ft. containing approximately 104 one and two bedroom apartment units (approximately 78 one-bedroom units and approximately 26 two-bedroom units) on floors 3-10, 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 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**, 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>
Steven Thompson	X	
Kathleen Murphy	X	
Kenneth Kinsey	X	
Rickey T. Brown	X	

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK            )  
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COUNTY OF ONONDAGA        )

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 June 18, 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 16 day of July, 2019.

City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency

  
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Rickey T. Brown, Secretary

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