

**COMMERCIAL/RETAIL FINDINGS RESOLUTION  
122 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET ASSOCIATION, LLC PROJECT**

A regular meeting of Albany County Industrial Development Agency was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 112 State Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York on December 17, 2014 at 5:30 o'clock p.m., local time.

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

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Gary Domalewicz	Chairman
Michael Paparian	Treasurer
Theresa M. Ries	Secretary
Gene Messercola	Assistant Secretary
Hon. William M. Clay	Member

**ABSENT:**

Maclain Berhaupt	Member
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**THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:**

Paul L. Weafer	Chief Executive Officer
William Murphy	Chief Financial Officer
Allen Maikels	Corporation Accountant
Walter J. Forman, Esq.	Corporation Counsel
A. Joseph Scott, III, Esq.	Bond Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Gene Messercola, seconded by Theresa M. Ries, to wit:

**RESOLUTION (A) DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED 122 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET ASSOCIATION, LLC PROJECT IS A COMMERCIAL PROJECT, AND (B) MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REQUIRED UNDER THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.**

WHEREAS, Albany County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 178 of the 1975 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-b of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial, manufacturing, research and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, 122 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Association, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "Company"), has presented an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a parcel of real estate containing approximately 1.46 acres of land located at 122 2nd Street in the City of Watervliet, Albany County, New York (the "Land"), together with the existing building containing approximately 80,000 square feet of space located thereon (the "Facility"), (2) the reconstruction and renovation of the Facility, and (3) the acquisition and installation thereon and therein of machinery and equipment (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be owned by the Company, to constitute a mixed use retail/residential facility and to be leased by the Company to various commercial and residential tenants and any other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on November 19, 2014 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on November 26, 2014 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on December 5, 2014 on a public bulletin board located at 112 State Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York and the Albany County Courthouse, Eagle Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on December 1, 2014 in the Albany Times Union, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the City of Watervliet, Albany County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on December 11, 2014 at 5:30 o'clock p.m., local time in the Watervliet Senior Citizens Center located at the J. Leo O'Brien Building, 1501 Broadway in the City of Watervliet, Albany County, New York, and (E) will prepare a report of the Public Hearing (the "Public Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and shall cause copies of said Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on December 17, 2014 the Agency determined (A) that the Project constituted an "Unlisted Action" under SEQRA, (B) that the Project would not have a "significant effect on the environment" pursuant to SEQRA and, therefore, that no environmental impact statement need be prepared with respect to the Project, and (C) as a consequence of the foregoing, to prepare a negative declaration with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, in Opinion of the State Comptroller Number 85-51, the State Comptroller indicated that the determination whether a project that consists of the construction of an apartment house is a commercial activity within the meaning of the Act is to be made by local officials based upon all of the facts relevant to the proposed project, and that any such determination should take into account the stated purpose of the Act, that is, the promotion of employment opportunities and the prevention of economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether the Project qualifies for Financial Assistance as a commercial project within the meaning of the Act, the Agency has reviewed the following (collectively, the "Project Qualification Documents"): (A) the Application, including the attached Cost Benefit Analysis; and (B) the comments of the Mayor of the City of Watervliet and other governmental officials (the "Local Support");

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Project Qualification Documents, and to representations by the Company that although the Project constitutes a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total project cost, the Project is located within a census tract in the City of Watervliet which is adjacent to a census tract considered to be a distressed census tract and therefore is in a "highly distressed area", as that term is defined in Section 854(18) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 862(2)(b) of the Act, the Agency would be authorized to provide financial assistance in respect of the Project provided that the obligation of the Agency to proceed with the Project was subject to certain conditions, including (1) following compliance with the procedural requirements of Section 859-a of the Act, a finding by the Agency that the Project would preserve permanent, private sector jobs in the State of New York or increase the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State of New York and (2) confirmation by the County Executive of Albany County of the proposed action by the Agency with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, having complied with the requirements of SEQRA and Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project, the Agency now desires, pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, to make its final findings with respect to the Project and its final determination whether to proceed with the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF ALBANY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Based upon an examination of the Project Qualification Documents and based further upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project and such further investigation of the Project and its economic effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:

A. The Project is located in an area having a mixture of residential, not-for-profit, commercial, retail, and service uses.

B. Undertaking the Project will:

- Encourage investment in urban land and buildings for employment and housing through development, redevelopment, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse
- Encourage mixed income housing options throughout the City of Watervliet
- Promote quality affordable housing



- Increase job opportunities for all residents

C. That undertaking the Project is consistent with the Local Support and will assist and maintain current and future residential and commercial development and expansion in the neighborhood area.

D. The Company has informed representatives of the Agency that the Project is expected to create approximately two (2) full time permanent, private sector jobs.

E. The Company has informed representatives of the Agency that the Company is not aware of any adverse employment impact caused by the undertaking of the Project.

Section 2. Based upon the foregoing review of the Project Qualification Documents and based further upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project Facility and such further investigation of the Project and its economic effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following determinations with respect to the Project:

A. That although the Project does constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total project cost, the Project is located in a "highly distressed area" (as defined in the Act).

B. That (1) the Project Facility will provide necessary infrastructure for area employers and businesses, (2) the completion of the Project Facility will have an impact upon the creation, retention and expansion of employment opportunities in the City of Watervliet and in the State of New York, and (3) the completion of the Project will assist in promoting employment opportunities and assist in preventing economic deterioration in the City of Watervliet and in the State of New York.

C. That the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and installation of the Project Facility is essential to the retention of existing employment and the creation of new employment opportunities and is essential to the prevention of economic deterioration of businesses and neighborhoods located in the City of Watervliet.

D. That the Project constitutes a "commercial" project, within the meaning of the Act.

E. That the undertaking of the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving and creating permanent private sector jobs in the State of New York.

Section 3. Having reviewed the Public Hearing Report, and having considered fully all comments contained therein, and based upon the findings contained in Section 1 above, the Agency hereby determines to proceed with the Project and the granting of the financial assistance described in the notice of the Public Hearing; provided, however, that no financial assistance shall be provided to the Project by the Agency unless and until the County Executive of Albany County, New York, as chief executive officer of Albany County, New York, shall, pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, confirm the proposed action of the Agency with respect to the Project.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Hon. Gary Domalewicz	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>
Theresa M. Ries	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>
Michael Paparian	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>
Gene Messercola	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>
Maclain Berhaupt	VOTING	<u>Absent</u>
Hon. William M. Clay	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
  ) SS.:  
COUNTY OF ALBANY                    )

I, the undersigned ~~(Assistant)~~ Secretary of Albany County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on December 17, 2014 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

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 hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.



~~(Assistant)~~ Secretary

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