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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 14, 2015

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Rath Building Lighting Project

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a resolution from the Department of Public Works concerning the Rath Building Lighting Project and the creation of a new capital project upon approval of the enclosed resolution. The purpose of the project is to reduce electricity usage by replacing existing light bulbs with new energy-efficient lighting.

Representatives from the Department of Public Works and Division of Budget and Management are available to answer questions regarding this request.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", written in a cursive style.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

cc: Robert W. Keating, Director of Budget and Management
John Loffredo, PE, Commissioner of Public Works

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MEMORANDUM

To: Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works/Office of the Commissioner
Re: Rath Building Lighting Project
Date: July 14, 2015

SUMMARY

The Department of Buildings and Grounds (“B&G”) maintenance group proposes to implement a light bulb replacement project in the Rath building. The project will result in a reduction in electricity expenses by replacing existing ceiling light bulbs with new LED bulbs which require 60% less power. The B&G maintenance forces will perform all replacement work.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the project is not to exceed \$250,000, which will be required for the purchase of replacement bulbs and disposal. The funds for this project were approved and designated into the 2015 Budget by the Legislature in Comm. 10E-31 (2015).

Based on anticipated rebates, the net cost will be reduced and such project savings will be used in the future for further energy lighting projects.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

This project will provide immediate and recurring reductions in the electricity expense for Erie County. The applicable rebates will reduce the project’s local share and payback period. Additional lighting and energy efficiency projects will be considered for additional savings.

The project has been determined to be eligible for rebates in the approximate amount of \$135,000. Annual electricity cost savings is estimated to be approximately \$90,000.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The County will fail to realize electricity cost savings on the proposed project.

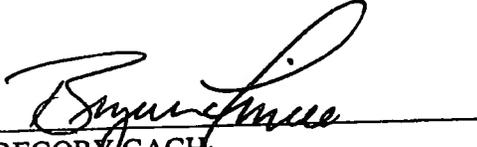
STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval of this resolution, the Comptroller will create a new SAP project and the Division of Budget and Management will fund the new capital project in the amount of \$250,000. The replacement bulbs will be formally bid by the Division of Purchase and the bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The Deputy Commissioner of B&G will direct B&G forces to replace existing bulbs in the Rath building.

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COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Office of the Comptroller and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.



GREGORY GACH
Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

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RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Re: Rath Building Lighting Project

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Division of Buildings and Grounds (“B&G”) maintenance group is conducting a lighting replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the project will result in a reduction in electricity expenses by replacing existing ceiling lighting with new bulbs which require 60% less energy; and

WHEREAS, National Grid has completed a site review of the Rath building and has determined that the project is eligible for rebates; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body has previously authorized 2014 re-appropriations to 2015 in the amount of \$250,000 for energy saving lighting in fund 110, cost center 14020, county-wide inter-fund account 570050 (Comm. 10E-31); and

WHEREAS, the B&G maintenance group has calculated annual electricity savings of \$90,000 and a payback period of less than three years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that a Rath Building Lighting Project is hereby authorized in BA122, Fund 410 in the amount of \$250,000, using the designation of 2014 funds as authorized in Comm. 10E-31; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management be authorized to make the following budgetary changes in SAP:

BA122, Fund 410, New Project

		<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Revenue				
<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>			
479100	Other Contributions	\$ 0	\$ 135,000	\$ 135,000
486000	Interfund Rev Subsidy	\$ 0	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000
Expense				
CAPITAL PROJECTS	Capital Projects Exp	\$ 0	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	\$ 250,000
Net Change Fund 410			<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	

; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is authorized to enter into the necessary agreements with National Grid or other parties to accept rebates for the lighting project in an anticipated amount of approximately, but not limited to \$135,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office is directed to effectuate the release of funds for this project based on requests from the Department of Public Works from the above-noted funding sources; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner, Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management and the Office of the Comptroller.

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TO: GREGORY GACH - COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

<u>REQUESTING DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5</u>
1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME	<u>To Be Determined</u>
2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT	<u>\$250,000 (Not to Exceed)</u>
3. PROJECT NUMBER	<u>A.XXXXX</u>
4. PROJECT TITLE	<u>Rath Building Lighting Project</u>
5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT	<u>Funding questions: Dan Rizzo at 2725 Letter pickup: Diane Bukowski at 8301</u>

<u>COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE</u>	<u>COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7</u>
6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	<u>\$250,000 subsidy authorized per 10E-31</u>
7. PERFORMED BY	<u>Don Wilson</u>
Date Sent to Comptroller's Office:	<u>_____</u>

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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER REVIEW

DATE: 7-15-15

PROJECT TITLE: NEW PROJECT – ENERGY SAVING LIGHTING PROJECT

1) IS THE REASON FOR THIS CONTRACT CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT: YES X NO _____

IF NO, RETURN THIS REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT

IF YES, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING VERIFICATION

2) PROJECT AVAILABLE APPROPRIATION

TOTAL PROJECT REVENUES \$ 0.00

TOTAL PROJECT APPROPRIATIONS \$ 0.00

LESS: TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE \$ 0.00

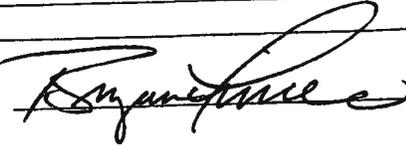
TOTAL COMMITMENTS \$ 0.00

AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS AS OF DATE OF REQUEST \$ 0.00

LESS: CONTRACT AMOUNT: 250,000.00

NET AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS \$ <250,000.00>

COMMENTS: 0.00 project cash balance. \$250,000.00 Interfund subsidy authorized as 2014 re-appropriations per Legislative resolution 10E-31 (6/11/15). Also, new project will be eligible to receive rebates from the National Grid for the approximate amount of \$135,000.00 thereby reducing subsidy requirement.

REQUEST APPROVED: 

REQUEST DENIED: _____

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DATE: 7/15/15