

#### MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2020

Erie County Legislature 92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Contract with the Roycroft Campus Corporation for Restoration of Copper

Shop building

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning authorizing the execution of a contract with the Roycroft Campus Corporation for the restoration of the Copper Shop building. The Department of Environment and Planning anticipates contracting with the Roycroft Campus Corporation, which is the owner and will be managing the Copper Shop restoration.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Thomas R. Hersey, Jr. at the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq. Erie County Executive

MCP/mw Enclosures

cc:

Thomas R. Hersey, Jr., Commissioner Mark P. Rountree, Principal Planner

#### MEMORANDUM

To:

Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature

From:

Department of Environment and Planning

Re:

Contract with the Roycroft Campus Corporation for Restoration of Copper Shop

building

Date:

February 14, 2020

### **SUMMARY**

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract with the Roycroft Campus Corporation (RCC) for the purpose restoring the Copper Shop building, located on the Roycroft Campus.

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed funding of not-to-exceed \$100,000 will come from the approved 2020 Erie County Capital Budget. Funding is available in 2020 capital project A.20054.

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

One of the most important issues for Erie County is the need to foster tourism and the increase in the local economy based on visitors from outside the area. The Roycroft Campus is the most complete and well-preserved collection of Arts and Crafts communities of its type in the United States and is a key ingredient to drawing outside visitors to Erie County. The proposed project will consist of funding a portion of the restoration of the Copper shop building, including repairing damaged cinder blocks, stabilization and repair of walls and foundations, and restoration and repair of windows.

# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The RCC is overseeing the restoration of the Copper Shop building. RCC has staff experienced in managing restoration of this nature. The RCC will be able to oversee the restoration in a responsible manner and ensure the historical integrity of the site is maintained.

# **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

If a resolution to enter into a contract is not approved, Erie County and RCC will not be able to complete this work. The restoration of the Copper Shop building will be delayed until addition funding is secured and the timeline of this project will be extended until such time as additional funds are raised.

# STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval of the resolution, a contract will be prepared with the RCC.

# **COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW**

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed available in A.20054.

Gregory Gach

Comptroller's Office

John Solecki Director of Accounting Services & Cash Management

# A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Contract with the Roycroft Campus Corporation for Restoration of Copper Shop building

WHEREAS, the County of Erie is interested in the fostering of tourism and the preservation of its historical heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Roycroft Campus Corporation owns the property and is currently restoring the Copper Shop building on said property; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to fund a portion of the restoration of the Copper Shop building at the Roycroft Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Roycroft Campus Corporation has extensive experience in contracting and managing historical restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie has allocated \$100,000 for the restoration of the Copper Shop building at the Roycroft Campus in the Capital Budget section of the approved 2020 Erie County Capital Budget in project A.20054.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into contracts, easements and agreements with the Roycroft Campus Corporation, and any other municipal, state and federal agencies, in amounts not to exceed a total of \$100,000 for the purpose of restoration of the Copper Shop building; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the source of these funds shall be \$100,000 available in the approved 2020 Erie County Capital Budget in project A.20054; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the Comptroller; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; and the County Attorney.

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER REVIEW	DATE: _	2/6/2020
PROJECT TITLE: A.20054 2020 Roycroft Copper Shop Restora	ition	5
1) IS THE REASON FOR THIS CONTRACT CONSISTENT WI' OF THE PROJECT: YES X	TH THE PURPO	SE
2) PROJECT AVAILABLE APPROPRIATION		
Total Project Revenues	\$	-
Total Project Appropriations	\$	100,000.00
Less: Total Expenditure To Date	\$	-
Total Commitments	\$	-
Available Appropriations As Of Date Of Request	\$	100,000.00
Less: Contract Amount	\$	100,000.00
Net Available Appropriations	\$	-
Comments: This project will be funded as a pay-as-you go has not yet been funded; therefore, there is currently no cash		, but
Request Approved:  Request Denied:	+	