

December 10, 2015

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 14

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 21D-6 (2015)
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING: "Initiatives for a Smart Economy - August 2015 Reports"
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 - b. COMM. 21M-4 (2015)
NFTA: "September 24, 2015 Board Minutes"
(6-0)
 - c. COMM. 24M-2 (2015)
BUFFALO NIAGARA ENTERPRISE: "Lead Generation Campaign - October 2015 Report"
(6-0)
 - d. COMM. 24M-3 (2015)
VISIT BUFFALO NIAGARA: "3rd Quarter Report and Budget & Financial Statements for 2015"
(6-0)
 - e. COMM. 24M-4 (2015)
NFTA: "October 22, 2015 Board Minutes"
(6-0)
 - f. COMM. 24M-5 (2015)
NFTA: "17A Report and Capital Expenditure Reports for Second Quarter Ending March, 2016"
(6-0)
2. COMM. 21E-9 (2015)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the County of Erie is interested in the fostering of business growth and job creation within Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to encourage the sound reuse of urban brownfields for productive use, be it industrial, commercial, or recreational; and

WHEREAS, the former Bethlehem Steel site in Lackawanna is now owned by Tecumseh Redevelopment Inc. and that Tecumseh Redevelopment Inc., the City of Lackawanna, and the County of Erie entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on April 12, 2005 to work cooperatively toward the goal of the redevelopment of this under utilized site; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie, City of Lackawanna, Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA), South Buffalo Railway, and Tecumseh Redevelopment Incorporated continue to work cooperatively toward achieving the redevelopment of the former Bethlehem Steel site; and

WHEREAS, Railroad tracks adjacent to Route 5 must be relocated prior to the start of redevelopment of this property; and

WHEREAS, the ECIDA has extensive experience in contracting with consultants and contractors specializing in railroad development and with utilizing NYS Multi-Modal funds for this type of work; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie has under contract with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), through the Multi-Modal II Program, \$2 million, with a balance of \$342,428.79, to be utilized specifically for rail related work on the former Bethlehem Steel site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into contracts with the ECIDA, NYSDOT and other state and federal agencies, and consultants in amounts not to exceed a total of \$342,428.79, for the purpose of design, engineering and site preparation for the construction related to railroad work on the former Bethlehem Steel site; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the source of these funds shall be \$342,428.79 available in the New York State Multi-Modal I Program, PIN ME2028.30A, Contract DO21051; 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.
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3. COMM. 24E-2 (2015)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Saving Grace Ministries, Inc. is developing an affordable housing project in the City of Buffalo, known as 347 East Ferry; and

WHEREAS, 347 East Ferry will consist of the development of sixteen (16) residential rental units; and

WHEREAS, said affordable housing consists of six efficiencies, four 1-bedroom units and six 2-bedroom units; and

WHEREAS, all units shall be occupied by households having an annual income at or below 60% of the area median income, adjusted for family size, as said income figures are so defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature adopted a policy on Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on December 16, 1999, and the PILOT is consistent with said policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with Saving Grace Ministries, Inc., the City of Buffalo, and any other organizations necessary to conclude this PILOT Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said Agreement shall include an annual PILOT in the amount of taxes due as set forth on Schedule A attached hereto, and payment under the Agreements will be for fifteen (15) years, with the County share of each annual payment being twenty-five (25) percent of the total amount; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the Director of Real Property Tax Services; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the County Comptroller; and the County Attorney.

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EDWARD A. RATH, III
CHAIR