# PRELIMINARY SEQR RESOLUTION PAUL BONACQUISTI AND JOHN BONACQUISTI O/B/O AN ENTITY TO BE FORMED (264 BROADWAY) PROJECT

A regular meeting of City of Rensselaer Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at the Rensselaer City Hall at 62 Washington Street in the City of Rensselaer, Rensselaer County, New York on April 24, 2023 at 4:15 p.m., local time.

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

#### PRESENT:

Michael Stammel
John DeFrancesco
Andrew Kretzschmar
William Bulnes
Ray Stevens

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Member
Member

## ABSENT:

### AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

John J. Bonesteel Chief Executive Officer/Treasurer
Madeline Rizzo Executive Assistant to the CEO
A. Joseph Scott, III, Esq. Special Agency Counsel
Shannon E. Wagner, Esq. Special Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Kretzschmar seconded by Mr. DeFrancesco to wit:

## Resolution No. 0423-2

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF PAUL BONACQUISTI AND JOHN BONACQUISTI O/B/O AN ENTITY TO BE FORMED AND LOCATED AT 264 BROADWAY IN THE CITY OF RENSSELAER, RENSSELAER COUNTY, NEW YORK.

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of 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 235 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-c 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 manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial 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, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, Paul Bonacquisti and John Bonacquisti (collectively the "Applicant") o/b/o an entity to be formed (the "Company"), has submitted 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 certain parcel of land containing approximately .34 acres located at 264 Broadway, in the City of Rensselaer, Rensselaer County, New York (the "Land"), together with the preexisting garage located thereon containing approximately 100 square feet (the "Existing Facility"), (2) the demolition of the Existing Facility, (3) the construction on the Land of a mixed-use facility (the "New Facility" and collectively with the Existing Facility, as demolished, the "Facility"), and (4) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be owned and operated by the Company as a mixed-use facility containing approximately four (4) retail spaces and twelve (12) residential rental spaces, 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, 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 adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the "Regulations", and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Agency must satisfy the requirements contained in SEQRA prior to making a final determination whether to undertake the Project; and

WHEREAS, Section 617.6(b) of the Regulations provides that (A) for all "Type I actions", a lead agency must be established, and (B) for any "unlisted action" which involves more than one "involved agency", a lead agency must be established if the Agency determines that there will be a coordinated review of such "unlisted action" (as such quoted terms are defined in the Regulations); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Regulations, the Agency has examined the Application in order to make an initial determination as to the potential environmental significance of the Project and the number of agencies that may be involved with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, based upon a review of the Application, the Agency wishes to explore the desirability of following the coordinated review procedures outlined in the Regulations with respect to the Project; and

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

- <u>Section 1</u>. The Agency has reviewed the Application and, based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application and at this meeting, the Agency wishes to investigate the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project.
- Section 2. For purposes of exploring the desirability of following the coordinated review with respect to the Project procedures outlined in the Regulations, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency is hereby authorized and directed to take the following actions (quoted terms used below shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in SEQRA):
  - (A) Determine whether the Project constitutes a "type II action" under SEQRA, in which case, pursuant to Section 617.5(a) of the Regulations, the Project is not subject to review under SEQRA.
  - (B) If the Project does not constitute a "type II action" under SEQRA, then determine whether the Project constitutes an "unlisted action" or a "type I action" under SEQRA.
  - (C) If the Project constitutes an "unlisted action" under SEQRA, then determine whether it is advisable to undertake a coordinated review with respect to the Project.
  - (D) If (1) the Project constitutes an "unlisted action" under SEQRA and the Chief Executive Officer determines that it is advisable to undertake a coordinated review with respect to the Project, or (2) the Project constitutes a "type I action" under SEQRA, then contact all other "involved agencies" with respect to the Project for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are interested in undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project.
  - (E) In the event that (1) all other "involved agencies" indicate that they are interested in undertaking a coordinated review of the Project, (2) one of the other "involved agencies" indicates that it desires to be designated as "lead agency" with respect to the Project and (3) the other "involved agencies" are amenable to designating such involved agency as "lead agency", then take all necessary steps to indicate the concurrence of the Agency that such "involved agency" be designated as "lead agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted terms are defined under SEQRA).
  - (F) In the event that all other "involved agencies" indicated that they are interested in undertaking a coordinated review of the Project and none of the other "involved agencies" indicates that it desires to be designated as the "lead agency" with respect to the Project, to take all necessary steps to arrange for the Agency to be designated as "lead agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted terms are defined under SEQRA).
- (G) Upon completion of the foregoing steps, to report to the Agency at its next meeting on the status of the environmental review process with respect to the Project.
  - Section 3. 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:

Michael Stammel	VOTING	AYE
John DeFrancesco	VOTING	AYE
Andrew Kretzschmar	VOTING	AYE
William Bulnes	VOTING	AYE
Ray Stevens	VOTING	AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK	)
4	) SS.:
COUNTY OF RENSSELAER	)

I, the undersigned Secretary of City of Rensselaer 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 April 24, 2023 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  $24^{th}$  of April, 2023.

Secretary

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