

It was moved by R. DUKE and seconded by D. JONES that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE 237 WHT PROJECT LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO, AND THE PROVISION OF OHIO SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES FOR THE PURCHASES OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INCORPORATED INTO THAT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (the "Port"), by virtue of the laws of the State of Ohio, particularly Sections 4582.21 through 4582.60, Ohio Revised Code (the "Act"), and the authorities therein mentioned, is authorized to enter into transactions with private entities for the development, construction and use of "projects" and "port authority facilities" within the meaning of those terms as defined in Section 4582.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, provided that those projects and port authority facilities are consistent with the purposes of both (i) Article VIII, Sections 13 and 16 of the Ohio Constitution, in that they create or preserve housing opportunities, jobs, and employment opportunities and improve the economic welfare of the people of the State of Ohio, and (ii) Section 4582.21(B)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, in that they enhance, foster, aid, provide, or promote economic development and housing within the State of Ohio and Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, Gaslight Ventures, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, an affiliate of Uptown Rental Properties LLC, an Ohio limited liability company (together, or their designated affiliate or subsidiary, the "Developer") desires to develop and redevelop the real property located at 237 William Howard Taft Road, in the neighborhood of Mount Auburn, within the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, and identified as Hamilton County Auditor's Parcel Number 092-0001-0001-00 (the "Project Site") into approximately 101 residential rental units, including related amenities and other Project Site improvements (the "Project"), and has requested the Port's assistance with the financing and development of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Developer desires to enter into a cooperative arrangement with the Port involving the Port's acquisition of an interest in the Project Site, the issuance of Port bonds to finance construction of the Project, the lease of the Project Site and the Project Site from the Port to the Developer, and other actions to enable the financing and construction of the Project and the retention and creation of housing opportunities, jobs and employment opportunities (the "Proposed Transaction"), which Proposed Transaction will be subject to subsequent approval by this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Project is expected (i) to create housing opportunities, jobs, and employment opportunities and thereby to enhance the economic welfare of the people of the State of Ohio, Hamilton County and the jurisdiction of the Port and (ii) to enhance, foster, aid, provide, or promote housing and economic development within the State of Ohio and Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, the Developer expects to begin soliciting contracts for the construction of the Project and bids for building and construction materials prior to closing the Proposed Transaction; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the Port's involvement in the Proposed Transaction, and construction by the Developer of the Project on behalf of the Port as part of the Proposed Transaction, the Developer has requested that the Port provide certificates evidencing the exemption from State and local sales and use taxes of purchases of building and construction materials for incorporation into the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority:

Section 1. This Board does hereby find and determine, based upon the representations of the Developer, that upon completion of the Proposed Transaction:

- (a) The Project will be a “project” and a “port authority facility” within the meaning of those terms as defined in Section 4582.21 of the Ohio Revised Code; and
- (b) The development, construction and use of the Project is and will be consistent with the purposes of each of (i) Article VIII, Sections 13 of the Ohio Constitution, to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities and to improve the economic welfare of the people of the State of Ohio and Hamilton County, (ii) Article VIII, Section 16 of the Ohio Constitution, to enhance the availability of adequate housing in the State of Ohio and to improve the economic well-being of the people of the State of Ohio and Hamilton County, and (iii) Section 4582.21(B)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, to enhance, foster, aid, provide, or promote housing and economic development within Hamilton County.

Section 2. The substantially final terms and conditions of the Proposed Transaction will be subject to approval by this Board of one or more additional resolutions approving the Proposed Transaction and documents related thereto.

Section 3. This Board hereby approves a Preliminary Agreement with the Developer providing for issuance of sales and use tax exemption certificates for the Project on a temporary basis in anticipation of consummation of the Proposed Transaction. The President/CEO of the Port is hereby authorized to execute and deliver, for and in the name of, and on behalf of, the Port, the Preliminary Agreement, together with any amendments thereto, in each case in the form approved by the President/CEO upon the recommendation of legal counsel. The execution of the Preliminary Agreement and any amendments thereto by the President/CEO shall evidence conclusively that approval.

Section 4. This Board hereby authorizes the President/CEO of the Port, upon the execution of the Preliminary Agreement by the parties thereto and in anticipation of the Proposed Transaction, to provide the Developer or its nominee with appropriate certificates to support the claims of exemption from Ohio and Hamilton County sales and uses taxes that might otherwise apply with respect to the purchases of building and construction materials incorporated into structures or improvements to real property, within the meaning of Section 5739.02(B)(13), Ohio Revised Code, that constitute the Project improvements.

Section 5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

Adopted: 3-8-23

Yeas: 10

Nays: 0

Abstention: 0

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Chairperson

Laura n. Gunn
Attest: Secretary

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, President of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 2023-38 passed on the 8th day of March, 2023, and has not been amended or rescinded as of this date.

**Port of Greater Cincinnati Development
Authority**

38, 2023


