

# RESOLUTION TITLE: TO AUTHORIZE A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A STANDARD LEVEL TWO LOCAL INCENTIVE GRANT AND ENTER INTO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (EDA) - PROJECT RIVERWEST

- WHEREAS, Project Riverwest is considering a total investment of \$29 million in new construction to establish a speculative multi-tenant industrial facility with the expectation to complete the initial portion of this investment on or before December 31, 2020; and,
- WHEREAS, the location of Project Riverwest, 182 Woodlawn Avenue in Belmont, is classified as a brownfield project which will necessitate that the County's local incentive grant begin immediately following the five year term of their Brownfields Agreement with the State; and,
- WHEREAS, this investment consists of approximately nine million dollars (\$9.0 Million) in real property investment for the construction of a speculative multi-tenant industrial facility of 180,000 square feet and another twenty million (\$20.0 million) in real property investment for the construction of a speculative multi-tenant industrial facility of 400,000 square feet; and,
- WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §158-7.1 authorizes a County to undertake an economic development project by providing grants for the location of industry; and,
- WHEREAS, Gaston County Commissioners intend to offer a Standard Level Two Local Investment Grant, based upon current adopted policy, for the Riverwest Project which has a nine year term; and,
- WHEREAS, this standard grant provides the following:
  - Year 1 90% property tax grant Year 2 - 80% property tax grant
    - Year 3 70% property tax grant
    - Year 4 60% property tax grant
    - Year 5 50% property tax grant
    - Year 6 40% property tax grant
    - Year 7 30% property tax grant
    - Year 8 20% property tax grant
    - Year 9 10% property tax grant; and,

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of activities taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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- WHEREAS, the City of Belmont has already approved its own local incentive proposal consisting of a Standard Level Two Local Investment Grant and improvements of its public infrastructure for the Riverwest Project; and,
- WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Company's capital investment in and at the Property and its operations thereat will generate significant ad valorem tax, sales tax and other revenues to the County; and,
- WHEREAS, the Standard Level Two Grant will be incorporated into a detailed Economic Development Agreement (EDA), between Project Riverwest and the County which will detail the timing of this proposed grant, so as to induce the Company to provide a capital investment which will enhance the County's ability to attract additional business and industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners:

Authorizes the Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners to execute any documents necessary to provide a Standard Level Two Local Incentive Grant and to complete an Economic Development Agreement for Project Riverwest.



# **Economic Development Commission**

# **Board Action**

#### File #: 20-013

Commissioner Jack Brown - EDC - To Authorize a Resolution to Provide a Standard Level Two Local Incentive Grant and Enter Into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) - Project Riverwest

# STAFF CONTACT

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# **BUDGET IMPACT**

N/A

#### **BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT**

N/A

#### BACKGROUND

Project Riverwest is considering a total investment of \$29 million in new construction to establish a speculative multitenant industrial facility with the expectation to complete the initial portion of this investment on or before December 31, 2020. This investment consists of approximately nine million dollars (\$9.0 Million) in real property investment for the construction of a speculative multi-tenant industrial facility of 180,000 square feet and another twenty million (\$20.0 Million) in real property investment for the construction of a speculative multi-tenant industrial facility of 400,000 square feet at 182 Woodlawn Ave in Belmont.

#### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

# ATTACHMENTS

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