

THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

November 16, 2022 – 7:00 PM

City Hall – Second Floor Conference Room
47 Castle Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Presiding – Steve Valentino, Mayor

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Regan, Clr. Noone, Clr. Burrall, Clr. Brimm, Clr. Pealer, Clr. Camera, Clr. Salamendra, and Clr. Gaglianese

2. RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL APPROVING AND ENDORSING THE CITY OF GENEVA IN ITS APPLICATION TO EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE RESTORE NY GRANT

City Manager Hendrix presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva desires to apply for financial assistance through the 2022 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the Empire State Development Restore NY; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist in the rehabilitation and expansion of a vacant, building within the City located at 88 Middle Street and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing economic development and community revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Geneva approves and endorses the 2022 Empire State Development Restore NY for assistance prepared and to be submitted by the City of Geneva.

City Manager Hendrix said that Empire State Development has opened another round of Restore NY grants and letters for intent must be sent in by the end of November. She said that Pretzel Logic reached out to her to see about applying for this grant and she explained that the plan for Pretzel Logic is to move to a new location at 88 Middle Street (the old CCMI building). They will take possession of the building, rehab it and expand their business into it. She said that this resolution allows the city to go ahead and

submit a letter of intent noting there will be a public hearing at the December council meeting and a resolution for final approval will be on the January agenda.

Clr. Camera asked if he was correct in reading that the total cost will be \$2 million and the grant could be for \$1.8 million, and Ms. Hendrix said that was correct, and Pretzel Logic will cover all costs. When Clr. Camera asked about a PILOT, Ms. Hendrix said they had not asked for one at this point. She noted that this will be the same process as council saw for 36 Middle Street. The city will apply on their behalf, and the recipient will pay all costs over what the grant covers.

Clr. Burrall asked the city manager to confirm that this will have no financial impact on the prior application, and the city manager said that this is with the same agency, but a second round of funding so it will not affect the other application.

Clr. Gaglianese asked what the status was with Pretzel Logic and the IDA, and Mayor Valentino said that there are some pending issues that are being resolved with the IDA based on the GEDC rentals. When Clr. Camera asked if they owed money for the GEDC, City Manager Hendrix said they are working on the final rentals. She said reached out to the IDA to see if they would be supportive of this project, and she received an email that they have not talked about it as an executive board but they did confirm that Pretzel Logic has outgrown the space and this would be a positive impact if they could continue to be in Geneva. Clr. Gaglianese asked if there were any terms on how long they have to remain in this space, and he asked the attorney for Pretzel Logic if they receive the grant and outgrow this new space, do they plan to remain in Geneva. Attorney Nichola Ostrander said that her client was having a hard time finding space in Geneva and has looked at spaces in Victor and Bloomfield, but when this money became available, he decided to ask for it because he wants to stay in the City of Geneva and is looking to put an addition on the building. Mayor Valentino remarked that this operation will employ 20 people at \$27/hour. Attorney Ostrander added that they are looking to hire 13-15 more people in the next 5 years. She said Pretzel Logic makes shipping containers for U-Haul and UPS along with a new contract with McIntosh Box and Pallet Company in Industrial Park as well.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Camera; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

MOVED THAT this resolution be approved

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Burrall

MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:10pm

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lori Guinan

City Clerk