

**APPROVING RESOLUTION
PARIS PROPERTY GROUP LLC PROJECT**

A regular meeting of Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Quackenbush Building located at 333 Broadway in the City of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York on March 14, 2024 at 4:00 o'clock 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:

Justin A. Law, Esq.	Chairman
Cory Jones	Secretary/Treasurer
Frank Lewandusky	Member
Alyssa Otis	Member

ABSENT:

Matthew Polsinello	Vice Chairman
John H. Clinton, Jr.	Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

RECUSED:

Justin Buchanan	Member
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AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Robert L. Pasinella, Jr.	Executive Director
Robin LaBrake	Assistant
Peter R. Kehoe, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel
John E. Sweeney, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel
A. Joseph Scott, III, Esq.	Special Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Frank Lewandusky, seconded by Cory Jones, to wit:

Resolution No. 0324-____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION
WITH A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION FOR A PROJECT FOR PARIS
PROPERTY GROUP LLC (THE "COMPANY").**

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 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 128 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-d 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 commercial, manufacturing 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 and install one or more “projects” (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, in January, 2024, Paris Property Group LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the “Company”), submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested 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 an approximately 1.46 acre parcel of land located at 375 North Greenbush Road (Tax Map No.: 134.-1-5) in the Town of North Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York (the “Land”), together with an approximately 14,400 square foot building located thereon (the “Facility”), (2) the renovation and redevelopment of the Facility and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the “Equipment”) (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing to be owned by the Company and operated by Turnkey Workplace Services Inc. (the “Operator”) as the Operator’s headquarters and office furniture showroom 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 property 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, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on February 8, 2024 (the “Public Hearing Resolution”), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the “Public Hearing”) pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on February 21, 2024 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project is or is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on February 21, 2024 on a bulletin board located at the North Greenbush Town Hall, 2 Douglas Street in the Town of North Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York and also on the Agency’s website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on February 23, 2024 in The Record, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of Rensselaer County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on March 7, 2024 at 10:00 o’clock a.m., local time at the North Greenbush Town Hall located at 2 Douglas Street in the Town of North Greenbush, Rensselaer County, (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the “Hearing Report”) fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Hearing Report to be made available to the members of the Agency, and (F) caused a copy of the Certified Public Hearing Resolution to be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested on February 20, 2024 to the chief executive officers of the County and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; 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 (the “Regulations”) adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, “SEQRA”), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on February 8, 2024 (the “SEQR Resolution”), the Agency determined that the Project constituted a “Type II action” (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA), and therefor that no further action with respect to the Project was required under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, by further resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 11, 2024 (the “Retail Finding Resolution”), the Agency (A) found that although the Project Facility appears to constitute a project where facilities or properties that are primarily used in making the retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities may constitute more than one-third of the costs of the Project, the Agency is authorized to provide financial assistance in respect of the Project pursuant to Section 862(2)(a) of the Act because the Project Facility is located in a highly distressed area, (B) determined, following a review of the Hearing Report, that the Project would serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent private sector jobs in the State of New York, and (C) determined that the Agency would proceed with the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance; provided however, that no financial assistance would be provided to the Project by the Agency unless and until the County Executive of Rensselaer County, as chief executive officer of Rensselaer County, New York, pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, confirmed the proposed action of the Agency with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, while the completion of the Project Facility may result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or an occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York and in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or an occupant of the Project Facility located in the State of New York, such removal and abandonment is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Company or the project occupant in their respective industries; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Rensselaer County, New York by undertaking the Project in Rensselaer County, New York; and

WHEREAS, in order to consummate the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance described in the notice of the Public Hearing, the Agency proposes to enter into the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Agency Documents”): (A) a certain lease to agency (the “Lease to Agency” or the “Underlying Lease”) by and between the Company, as landlord, and the Agency, as tenant, pursuant to which the Company will lease to the Agency a portion of the Land and all improvements now or hereafter located on said portion of the Land (collectively, the “Leased Premises”); (B) a certain license agreement (the “License to Agency” or the “License Agreement”) by and between the Company, as licensor, and the Agency, as licensee, pursuant to which the Company will grant to the Agency (1) a license to enter upon the balance of the Land (the “Licensed Premises”) for the purpose of undertaking and completing the Project and (2) in the event of an occurrence of an Event of Default by the Company, an additional license to enter upon the Licensed Premises for the purpose of pursuing its remedies under the Lease Agreement (as hereinafter defined); (C) a lease agreement (and a memorandum thereof) (the “Lease Agreement”) by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which, among other things, the Company agrees to undertake the Project as agent of the Agency and the Company further agrees to lease the Project Facility from the Agency and, as rental thereunder, to pay the Agency’s administrative fee relating to the Project and to pay all expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project; (D) a payment in lieu of tax agreement (the “Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement”) by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which the Company will agree to pay certain payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility; (E) a uniform agency project agreement (the “Uniform Agency Project

Agreement”) by and between the Agency and the Company regarding the granting of the financial assistance and the potential recapture of such assistance; (F) a certain recapture agreement (the “Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement”) by and between the Company and the Agency, required by the Act, regarding the recovery or recapture of certain sales and use taxes; (G) a sales tax exemption letter (the “Sales Tax Exemption Letter”) to ensure the granting of the sales tax exemption which forms a part of the Financial Assistance; (H) a New York State Department of Taxation and Finance form entitled “IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agency for Sales Tax Purposes” (the form required to be filed pursuant to Section 874(9) of the Act) (the “Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report”) and any additional report to the Commissioner of the State Department of Taxation and Finance concerning the amount of sales tax exemption benefit for the Project (the “Additional Thirty-Day Project Report”); (I) if the Company intends to finance the Project with borrowed money, a mortgage and any other security documents and related documents (collectively, the “Mortgage”) from the Agency and the Company to the Company’s lender with respect to the Project (“the “Lender”), which Mortgage will grant a lien on and security interest in the Project Facility to secure a loan from the Lender to the Company with respect to the Project (the “Loan”); (J) if the Company requests the Agency to appoint a contractor or contractors, as agent(s) of the Agency (each, a “Contractor”) (1) a certain agency indemnification agreement (the “Contractor Agency and Indemnification Agreement”) by and between the Agency and the Contractor, (2) a certain recapture agreement (the “Contractor Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement”) by and between the Agency and the Contractor, (3) a sales tax exemption letter (the “Contractor Sales Tax Exemption Letter”), and (4) a Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report (the “Contractor Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report”) and any additional report to the Commissioner of the State Department of Taxation and Finance concerning the amount of sales tax exemption benefit for the Project (the “Additional Thirty-Day Project Report”) (collectively, the “Contractor Documents”); (K) if the Company intends to request the Agency to appoint (1) the Company, as agent of the Agency and (2) a Contractor, as agent of the Agency prior to closing on the Project and the Lease Agreement; agency and indemnification agreements, interim Section 875 GML recapture agreements, interim sales tax exemption letters and interim thirty-day sales tax reports (collectively, the “Interim Documents”); and (L) various certificates relating to the Project (the “Closing Documents”);

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

Section 1. All action taken by the Executive Director of the Agency with respect to the Public Hearing with respect to the Project is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 2. The law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP is hereby appointed Special Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Special Counsel for the Agency is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company, counsel to the Agency and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. Special Counsel has prepared and submitted an initial draft of the Agency Documents to staff of the Agency.

Section 3. The Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act;

(B) The Project constitutes a “project,” as such term is defined in the Act;

(C) The Project site is located entirely within the boundaries of Rensselaer County, New York;

(D) It is estimated at the present time that the costs of the planning, development, acquisition, construction, reconstruction and installation of the Project Facility (collectively, the "Project Costs") will be approximately \$3,450,000;

(E) (1) While the completion of the Project Facility may result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or an occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York and in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or an occupant of the Project Facility located in the State of New York, such removal and abandonment is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Company or the project occupant in their respective industries; and

(2) The Agency has notified in writing the chief executive officer or officers of the municipality or municipalities located in Rensselaer County, New York, where the prior facility of the Company was located;

(F) Although the Project constitutes a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total project cost, the Company has represented to the Agency that (i) the Project is located within census tract 36083052301, which is contiguous to distressed census tract 36083041000 and therefore is considered to be a distressed census tract, as that term is defined in Section 854(18) of the Act, and (ii) completion of the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State of New York;

(G) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project will promote and maintain the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of Rensselaer County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act;

(H) The Agency has reviewed the Hearing Report and has fully considered all comments contained therein;

(I) The Project should receive the Financial Assistance in the form of exemptions from sales tax, mortgage recording tax and real property tax based on the description of expected public benefits to occur as a result of this Project, as described on Exhibit A attached hereto and failure by the Company to meet the expected public benefits will result in a recapture event; and

(J) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to enter into the Agency Documents.

Section 4. In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to: (A) accept the License Agreement; (B) lease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the Lease Agreement; (C) acquire, construct and install the Project Facility, or cause the Project Facility to be acquired, installed and constructed; (D) enter into the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement; (E) enter into the Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement; (F) enter into the Uniform Agency Project Agreement; (G) secure the Loan by entering into the Mortgage; (H) enter into the Interim Documents; and (I) grant the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project; provided, however, that no financial assistance shall be provided to the Project by the Agency unless and until the County Executive of the Rensselaer County, New York, as chief executive officer of the Rensselaer County, New York, shall, pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, confirm the proposed action of the Agency with respect to the Project.

Section 5. The Agency is hereby authorized (A) to acquire a license in the Licensed Premises pursuant to the License Agreement, (B) to acquire a leasehold interest in the Leased Premises pursuant to the Underlying Lease, (C) to acquire title to the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale (the "Bill of Sale to Agency") from the Company to the Agency, and (D) to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisitions are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed; provided, however, that no financial assistance shall be provided to the Project by the Agency unless and until the County Executive of the Rensselaer County, New York, as chief executive officer of the Rensselaer County, New York, shall, pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, confirm the proposed action of the Agency with respect to the Project.

Section 6. The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire, construct and install the Project Facility as described in the Lease Agreement and to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisition, construction and installation are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved; provided, however, that no financial assistance shall be provided to the Project by the Agency unless and until the County Executive of the Rensselaer County, New York, as chief executive officer of the Rensselaer County, New York, shall, pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, confirm the proposed action of the Agency with respect to the Project.

Section 7. The Chairman (or Vice Chairman) of the Agency, with the assistance of Agency Counsel and/or Special Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and approve the form and substance of the Agency Documents.

Section 8. (A) The Chairman (or Vice Chairman) of the Agency is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agency Documents, and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same, all in the forms thereof as the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

(B) The Chairman (or Vice Chairman) of the Agency is hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to designate any additional Authorized Representatives of the Agency (as defined in and pursuant to the Lease Agreement).

Section 9. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Agency Documents, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Agency Documents binding upon the Agency.

Section 10. 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:

Justin A. Law, Esq.	VOTING	YES
Matthew Polsinello	VOTING	ABSENT
Cory Jones	VOTING	YES
John H. Clinton, Jr.	VOTING	ABSENT
Justin Buchanan	VOTING	RECUSED
Frank Lewandusky	VOTING	YES
Alyssa Otis	VOTING	YES

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) SS.:

COUNTY OF RENSSELAER

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I, the undersigned (~~Assistant~~) Secretary of Rensselaer County 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 March 14, 2024 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 14th day of March, 2024.



(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPECTED PUBLIC BENEFITS

In the discussions had between the Project Beneficiary and the Agency with respect to the Project Beneficiary's request for Financial Assistance from the Agency with respect to the Project, the Project Beneficiary has represented to the Agency that the Project is expected to provide the following benefits to the Agency and/or to the residents of Rensselaer County, New York (the "Public Benefits"):

Description of Benefit		Applicable to Project (indicate Yes or NO)		Expected Benefit
1.	Existing jobs on project site	☐ Yes	☒ No	The Project site consists of a vacant building.
2.	Retention and Creation of new permanent jobs	☒ Yes	☐ No	12 existing full time jobs will be retained and 8 full time jobs will be created by the Project.
3.	Estimated value of tax exemptions	☒ Yes	☐ No	The estimated amount of the tax exemptions are described as follows: \$60,000.00 in the form of sales tax exemptions, \$22,000.00 in the form of and mortgage recording tax exemption and \$87,774.76 in the form of real property tax exemptions.
4.	Private sector investment	☒ Yes	☐ No	\$3,450,000.00 at the Project Facility within 2 years of the date hereof.
5.	Likelihood of project being accomplished in a timely fashion	☒ Yes	☐ No	High likelihood of project being completed in a timely manner.