

**APPROVING EXTENSION OF APPROVING RESOLUTION
THE LOFTS AT PINE HILLS LLC PROJECT**

A regular meeting of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was convened in public session at the office of the Agency located at 21 Lodge Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York on March 17, 2022 at 12:15 p.m., local time.

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

PRESENT:

Susan Pedo	Chair
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	Vice Chair
Darius Shahinfar	Treasurer
Anthony Gaddy	Secretary
Joseph Better	Member
Robert T. Schofield	Member
Elizabeth Staubach	Member

Each of the members present participated in the meeting either in person or remotely pursuant to the signing into law on September 2, 2021 of Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 signed into law on January 14, 2022.

ABSENT:

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Sarah Reginelli	Chief Executive Officer
Thomas Conoscenti	Chief Operating Officer/Interim CFO
Andrew Corcione	Project Services Director
Ashley Mohl	Director of Economic Development, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Renee McFarlin	Senior Economic Developer, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Michael Bohne	Communications & Marketing Manager, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Emma Fullem	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Jesse McCaughey	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Erin Grace	Executive Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Marisa Franchini, Esq.	Agency Counsel
A. Joseph Scott, III, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by _____, seconded by _____, to wit:

Resolution No. 0322-___

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE EXPIRATION DATE
RELATING TO THE APPROVING RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF
ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO A
COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR THE LOFTS AT PINE HILLS LLC

WHEREAS, City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (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 325 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-a 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 industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research and recreation 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, 2021, The Lofts at Pine Hills 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 approximately 9 parcels of land totaling approximately 1.62 acres located at 177 Quail Street, 179 Quail Street, 181 Quail Street, 183 Quail Street, 185 Quail Street, 187 Quail Street, 233 Western Avenue, 237 Western Avenue and 694 State Street Rear (respectively, Tax Map numbers: 65.61-5-26, 65.61-5-27, 65.61-5-28, 65.61-5-29, 65.61-5-30, 65.61-5-31, 65.61-5-41.1, 65.61-5-42 and 65.61-5-14) in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York (collectively, the “Land”), together with approximately nine buildings located thereon (collectively, the “Existing Facility”), (2) the demolition of the Existing Facility and the construction on the Land of an approximately 124,323 square foot mixed use building and associated parking (the “New Facility” and collectively with the Existing Facility, the “Facility”), (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery, equipment and other 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 an approximately 97 unit residential apartment building with approximately 6,000 square feet of commercial/retail space 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 18, 2021 (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 Chief Executive Officer 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 25, 2021 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, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on February 25, 2021 at Albany City Hall located at 24 Eagle Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York, as well as on the Agency’s

website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on February 27, 2021 in the Albany Times Union, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of City of Albany, Albany County, New York, (D) as a result of the ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, and the suspension of the Open Meetings Law relating to public hearings pursuant to Executive Order 202.15, as supplemented, each as issued by Governor Cuomo in response to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, conducted the Public Hearing on March 10, 2021 at 12:00 o'clock p.m. local time, electronically via conference call rather than in person, and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Public Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of 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 (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 March 18, 2021 (the "Resolution Confirming SEQR Determination"), the Agency (A) concurred in the determination that the City of Albany Planning Board (the "Planning Board") is the "lead agency" with respect to SEQRA, and (B) acknowledged receipt of a negative declaration from the Planning Board issued on June 25, 2019 (the "Negative Declaration"), in which the Planning Board determined that the Project would not have a significant adverse environmental impact on the environment, and therefore, that an environmental statement need not be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, by further resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 18, 2021 (the "Commercial/Retail Finding Resolution"), the Agency (A) determined that the Project constituted a "commercial project" within the meaning of the Act, (B) 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, (C) determined, following a review of the Public 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 (D) 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 Mayor of the City of Albany, as chief executive officer of the City of Albany, 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, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 18, 2021 (the "Pilot Deviation Approval Resolution"), the members of the Agency determined to deviate from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 18, 2021 (the "Approving Resolution"), the Agency determined to grant the Financial Assistance and to enter into a lease agreement (the "Lease Agreement") between the Agency and the Company and certain other documents related thereto and to the Project (collectively with the Lease Agreement, the "Basic Documents"). Pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement, (A) the Company will agree (1) to cause the Project to be undertaken and completed, and (2) as agent of the Agency, to undertake and complete the Project and (B) the Agency has leased the Project Facility to the Company. The Lease Agreement grants to the Company certain options to acquire the Project Facility from the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agency's Policy Manual, the Approving Resolution is scheduled to expire on March 18, 2022, unless the Agency grants an extension to such expiration date; and

WHEREAS, the Company has provided a written request dated March 5, 2022 (the “Extension Request”), a copy of which Extension Request is attached to this Resolution, requesting that the Agency extend the scheduled expiration date of the Approving Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Agency have reviewed the Extension Request and desire to extend the expiration date of the Approving Resolution;

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

Section 1. Based upon the representations made by the Company in the Extension Request, the Agency hereby finds that the findings and determinations relating to the Project contained in Section 3 of the Approving Resolution continue to be in effect, and, therefore, the Agency hereby determines that it is desirable and in the public interest to extend the expiration date of the Approving Resolution from March 18, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Section 2. The Agency hereby determines as follows: to extend the expiration date of the Approving Resolution to December 31, 2022.

Section 3. 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 this Resolution, 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 this Resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of this Resolution binding upon the Agency.

Section 4. Except as modified by this Resolution, the Approving Resolution shall remain in full force and effect and the terms and conditions thereof are hereby confirmed.

Section 5. All action taken by the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, Agency Counsel and Agency Special Counsel with respect to the Project, the Extension Request and the granting of the Extension Request is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 6. 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:

Susan Pedo	VOTING	_____
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	VOTING	_____
Darius Shahinfar	VOTING	_____
Anthony Gaddy	VOTING	_____
Joseph Better	VOTING	_____
Robert T. Schofield	VOTING	_____
Elizabeth Staubach	VOTING	_____

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF ALBANY)

I, the undersigned Secretary of City of Albany 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 17, 2022 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 Issuer had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021, as amended (the “2022 Laws”), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Issuer, either in person or attending remotely in accordance with the 2022 Laws, 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 ____ day of March, 2022.

Secretary

(S E A L)

SCHEDULE A
EXTENSION REQUEST

- SEE ATTACHED -

Patrick Rafferty
The Lofts at Pine Hills LLC
1 Noble Path
Albany, NY 12205

March 5, 2022

Susan Pedo
Chair
City of Albany Industrial Development Agency
21 Lodge Street
Albany, New York 12207

RE: Request for extension of approved PILOT for The Lofts at Pine Hills Project

Dear Ms. Pedo:

Consistent with the City of Albany IDA requirements, we respectfully request an extension of the PILOT agreement for The Lofts at Pine Hills, which is set to expire March 18th, 2022, without action.

Since the approval of the PILOT, we became aware of an issue with unsuitable soils that will require a considerable investment to stabilize the foundations of the new structure(s). Over the last year, we have reimagined the layout of the site, zeroing in on a development that will include two separate, four story buildings that will only marginally reduce the number of apartments. This will eliminate some construction elements including reducing the weight of the structure while maintaining the streetscape as close as possible to the previously approved project and allowing for a construction budget that will allow the project to commence.

Further, we have diligently sought ways to reduce the cost associated with the project to a point that is economically feasible and does not diminish the character or spirit of the originally approved design. As I'm sure you are aware, construction costs have skyrocketed over the last two years, particularly as supply chain issues continue to disrupt the ability of contractors to purchase the necessary materials to build new developments, as the effects of the Covid pandemic reverberate through the economy. Our team has witnessed costs for Labor, Wood, Metal, Gypsum Board, Electrical Wire, Copper, and HVAC systems grow at unsustainable rates.

We expect to have final Planning Board approval for the reconfigured site in March or early April, at which time we will be seeking an updated assessment from the City Assessor before submitting an amended application to the City of Albany IDA. While our best estimate for the potential amendment of documents and closing with the Agency is this summer, we are respectfully requesting a nine-month extension through December 31, 2022, to allow ample time for our team and the IDA to work through any outstanding items.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this extension request. Should you need anything further, please do not hesitate to reach out.

My Best,



Patrick Rafferty