

RESOLUTION NO. 28165

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE CHOO CHOO PARTNERS, LP PROJECT, TO DELEGATE CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 48-101-312(b) the City of Chattanooga (the "City") is permitted to delegate to The Health, Educational, and Housing Facility Board of the City of Chattanooga (the "Board") the authority to negotiate and accept payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes from lessees of the Board upon a finding by the City that such payments are deemed to be in furtherance of the Board's public purposes; and

WHEREAS, Choo Choo Partners, LP (the "Company") is contemplating the renovation of converting ninety-seven (97) hotel rooms located in Building 2 to multi-family apartments (collectively, the "Project") and because of the substantial economic benefits to the City and Hamilton County resulting from the Project, has asked the Board and the City Council to approve payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes from such a project would be in furtherance of the Board's public purposes as set forth within Section 48-101-312(b) of the Tennessee Code Annotated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS COUNCIL:

That we do hereby find that the Project is in the best interest of the City, and that payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes derived therefrom would be in furtherance of the Board's public purposes; and

That, having made such a finding in this instance, we do hereby delegate to the Board the authority to negotiate and accept payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes from the Company, it being further noted that this delegation is for this purpose and this project only; and

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement for Payments In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes in substantially the form attached hereto, with such changes thereto as he shall approve; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

ADOPTED: March 10, 2015

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