

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

To: J. William Reynolds, President of Council
From: Alicia Miller Karner, Director DCED
Re: Resolution for Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program

Please place the attached resolution on the first available Council agenda for consideration. In order for the City of Bethlehem and Majestic Realty Co. to complete a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program application, the City must authorize submission via resolution. There will be no financial commitment on the City's part for this project, but it will be necessary for the City to act as a pass through for the funds.

The project includes construction of common roadway and related backbone infrastructure at the Majestic Bethlehem Center industrial park, which may include: (i) construction of Commerce Center Boulevard North and related connector roadways, (ii) construction of utility and other infrastructure, mainly in, around and/or related to roadway improvements, including (a) water, electric, communication and natural gas infrastructure, (b) storm water infrastructure including lines, outfalls, basins and improvements to address new flow such as stream erosion mitigation, and (c) sewer infrastructure including lines and a new sanitary sewage lift system or improvements/expansion to the existing, (iii) earthwork and mass grading to facilitate roadway and infrastructure construction, and removal of rock and legacy foundations remaining from the prior Bethlehem Steel buildings, (iv) extension of rail infrastructure along Commerce Center Boulevard, and (v) street lighting, landscaping and directional signage. The project budget is \$10,000,000 of real estate match and \$10,000,000 of construction cost.

The resolution authorizes the submission of the application as well as authorizing the preparation of a cooperation agreement between the City and Majestic for the pass through of funds. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information on any of the above mentioned projects.

Attachments

cc: Members of Council
Mayor Donchez
Cindy Biedenkopf
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DATE: June 12, 2014

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