

RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency (“Agency”) was convened on October 18, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. local time via videoconference as authorized by Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021, which took effect on September 2, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Suzanne Loughlin, and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Suzanne Loughlin	[√]	[]
Edward T. Sykes	[√]	[]
Howard Siegel	[]	[√]
Scott Smith	[√]	[]
Paul Guenther	[√]	[]
Carol Roig	[√]	[]
Sean Brooks	[]	[√]

The following persons were also present:

Jennifer M. Flad, Executive Director
John W. Kiefer, Chief Executive Officer
Julio Garaicoechea, Project Manager
Walter F. Garigliano, Agency General Counsel

The following resolution was duly offered by Edward T. Sykes, and seconded by Carol Roig, to wit:

Resolution No. 30 - 21

***RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE RECAPTURE OF
UNAUTHORIZED SALES AND USE TAX BENEFITS FROM
EMPIRE RESORTS REAL ESTATE II, LLC (“COMPANY”)***

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York ("State"), as amended, and Chapter 560 of the Laws of 1970 of the State, as amended and codified as Section 960 of the General Municipal Law (collectively, the “Act”), the Agency was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2018, the Company and the Agency closed a lease/leaseback transaction consisting of the: (i) acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of a an approximately 124,000 square foot six-story building to include up to 162 rooms, mixed-use spaces including a coffee shop, a restaurant, a night club, and retail, and parking for up to 289 cars (the “EV Hotel”), situate on one (1) parcel of real estate consisting of approximately 22 acres located along Joyland Road and Thompsonville Road, Town of Thompson (“Town”), County of

Sullivan (“County”), State and identified on the Town tax map as all or a portion of tax map numbers 23.-1-54.6 (“Land”); (ii) acquisition, construction and equipping of the EV Hotel Project; (iii) acquisition, construction and installation thereon and therein of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment and tools (“Equipment”); (iv) construction of improvements to the EV Hotel, the Land and the Equipment (collectively, the EV Hotel, the Land and the Equipment are referred to as the “Facility” or the “Project”); and (v) lease of the Project from the Agency to the Company; and

WHEREAS, by resolution, dated August 23, 2017 (“Resolution”), the Agency authorized the Company to act as its agent for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping the Facility and conferred on the Company certain financial assistance consisting of: (a) an exemption from all State and local sales and use tax for the purchases and rentals related to the Project with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the acquisition, construction or equipping of the Facility, (b) an exemption from mortgage recording tax, and (c) a partial abatement from real property taxes conferred through a certain payment in lieu of tax agreement requiring the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes (“PILOT”) for the benefit of each municipality and school district having taxing jurisdiction over the Project, (collectively, the sales and use tax exemption, the mortgage recording tax exemption, and the partial abatement from real property taxes, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Financial Assistance”). Provision of Financial Assistance is subject to the Company entering into this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 1, 2018, the Agency and Company entered into an Agent and Project Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Company has submitted Monthly Purchase Reports to the Agency indicating the taxable purchases made without payment of sales tax, and has submitted annual ST-340 Forms to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, indicating the total sales and use tax exemptions claimed; and

WHEREAS, during a review of these documents, the Agency became aware that the Company made purchases during the month of August, 2021, after the sales tax exemption period had ended on February 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as contemplated by Section 874 (10)-(12) of the General Municipal Law (“GML”), the Agency established a Project Recapture and Termination Policy which requires the recapture of financial assistance including sales and use tax exemption amounts not authorized by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 875(3) of the GML, if the Agency determines sales and use tax exemptions claimed by the Company were not authorized by the Agency, then the Agency shall recapture such sales and use tax benefits from the Company; and

WHEREAS, Tax Bulletin ST-385 (TB-ST-385) sets forth the procedure to be followed in the event the Agency must recapture unauthorized sales and use tax exemption benefits claimed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Agency hereby makes the following findings:

- A. The Company made purchases during the month of August, 2021, after the sales tax exemption period had ended on February 28, 2021; and
- B. The total value of the sales and use tax exemption benefits claimed by the Company during the month of August, 2021 was in the amount of \$377.60.

Section 2. The Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized and directed to recapture the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits claimed by the Company and not authorized by the Agency, which amount is \$377.60.

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 and to execute and deliver all such 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 resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

Section 4. These Resolutions 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:

Suzanne Loughlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Edward T. Sykes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Howard Siegel	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Scott Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Paul Guenther	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Carol Roig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Sean Brooks	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK :
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COUNTY OF SULLIVAN :

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of the Agency DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

1. I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution of the Agency with the original thereof on file in the office of the Agency, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such resolution and of the proceedings of the Agency in connection with such matter.
2. Such resolution was passed at a meeting of the Agency duly convened via conference call on October 18, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at which the following members were present:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Suzanne Loughlin	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	[]
Edward T. Sykes	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	[]
Howard Siegel	[]	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]
Scott Smith	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	[]
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Sean Brooks	[]	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]

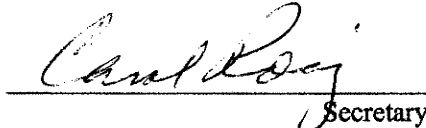
3. The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Suzanne Loughlin	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Yes	[] No	[] Absent	[] Abstain
Edward T. Sykes	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Yes	[] No	[] Absent	[] Abstain
Howard Siegel	[] Yes	[] No	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Absent	[] Abstain
Scott Smith	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Yes	[] No	[] Absent	[] Abstain
Paul Guenther	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Yes	[] No	[] Absent	[] Abstain
Carol Roig	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Yes	[] No	[] Absent	[] Abstain
Sean Brooks	[] Yes	[] No	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Absent	[] Abstain

and therefore, the resolution was declared duly adopted.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (i) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting, (ii) pursuant to Sections 103(a) and (c) and 104 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public via videoconferencing and public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Sections 103(a) and (c) and 104, (iii) the meeting in all respects was duly held via videoconference as authorized by Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the 18th day of October, 2021.


Secretary