

RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency (“Agency”) was convened on November 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. local time at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York 12701.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Edward T. Sykes, and, upon the roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

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

The following persons were also present:
Jennifer M. Flad, Executive Director
John W. Kiefer, Chief Executive Officer
Julio Garaicoechea, Project Manager
Bethanii Padu, Economic Development Coordinator
Walter F. Garigliano, Agency General Counsel

The following resolution was duly offered by Scott Smith, and seconded by Kathleen Lara, to wit:

Resolution No. 43 - 23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT OF THE EMPIRE RESORTS REAL ESTATE I, LLC (“ERREI”) PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXATION AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE PILOT BENEFIT PERIOD BY TWO (2) YEARS

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, EPT Concord II, LLC (“EPT II”) for itself and on behalf of an entity or entities to be formed (collectively the, “EPT Entities”) submitted an application (“EPT Application”) to the Agency on February 12, 2013, requesting that the Agency undertake a certain project in one or more phases, (the “Master Development Project”) for the benefit of the EPT Entities consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest or other interest in approximately seventy-one (71) parcels of land containing in the aggregate approximately 1,735 acres within the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, New York (the “EPT Land”), (ii) the construction and equipping on the EPT Land of a master planned destination resort community to include (a) an 18-hole golf course with clubhouse and maintenance facilities, (b) a casino resort to include a casino, hotel, harness horse racetrack, grandstand/showroom, simulcast facility, banquet event center, restaurants and related facilities, (c) hotels, (d) a waterpark, (e) a recreational vehicle park, (f) an entertainment village with a cinema and supporting retail facilities, (g) a residential village containing a mix of unit types including condominiums, apartments, townhouses and detached single-family homes, a civic center and an active adult residential community, all or a portion of which will be connected, via a multi-use trail system, to open space (collectively, the “EPT Improvements”), and (iii) the acquisition in and around the EPT Land and the EPT Improvements of certain items of equipment and other tangible personal property (the “EPT Equipment”, and collectively with the EPT Land and the EPT Improvements, the “EPT Project”); and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2013, the Agency and EPT II entered into a Master Development and Agent Agreement authorizing the EPT Entities to proceed with certain work limited in scope to soil erosion and sediment control, clearing and grubbing, earthwork, construction of new roads and improvements and enhancements to existing roads, constructed wetlands, landscaping, sanitary sewer, water, storm sewer, electric power, telephone service, cable tv, internet connectivity, demolition of existing structures, and all other related facility, equipment, improvements and infrastructure costs as set forth in the EPT Application together with a Lease to Agency, Leaseback to Company, Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and related documents (collectively the, “EPT Transaction Documents”); and

WHEREAS, on or about December 31, 2013, with the consent of the Agency, EPT II transferred a portion of the EPT Land to EPR Concord II, L.P. (“EPR II”); and

WHEREAS, the EPT Entities and ERREI, a wholly owned subsidiary of Montreign Operating Company, LLC (“MOC”), entered into an agreement whereby ERREI leased a portion of the EPT Land from the EPT Entities effective only if MOC a wholly owned subsidiary of Empire Resorts, Inc., was selected by the New York State Gaming Facility Location Board to apply to the New York State Gaming Commission (“NYSGC”) for the award of a license to operate a Gaming Facility (as hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2015, the NYSGC awarded a Gaming Facility License (the “Gaming Facility License”) to MOC; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the award of the Gaming Facility License, in December 2015, ERREI and EPR II (and its successors or related entities) entered into agreements wherein it was agreed that ERREI will be the entity developing the Monster Golf Course on the Golf Project Land; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 25, 2016, ERREI presented an application (“Golf Project Application”) to the Agency requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project consisting of the: (i) acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of a new eighteen (18) hole golf course (“Golf Course”), an approximately 14,000± square foot clubhouse, an approximately 12,800± square foot maintenance building and related structures (“Buildings”) situate on eleven (11) parcels of real estate consisting of approximately 237± acres located along Thompsonville Road and Chalet 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 (that existed in 2016) 15.-1-13, 15.-1-14.1, 15.-1-14.2, 15.-1-15, 15.-1-16, 15.-1-17, 15.-1-18, 15.-1-50, 23.-1-52.2, 23.-1-53.2, and 23.-1-54.5 (“Golf Project Land”); (ii) acquisition, construction and equipping of the Golf Course and Buildings; (iii) acquisition, construction and installation thereon and therein of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment and tools (“Golf Project Equipment”); (iv) construction of improvements to the Golf Course, the Buildings, the Golf Project Land and the Golf Project Equipment (collectively, the Golf Course, the Buildings, the Golf Project Land and the Golf Project Equipment are referred to as the “Golf Project”); and (v) lease of the Golf Project Land from the Agency to ERREI; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 859-a, on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 10:30 a.m., local time, at the Legislative Hearing Room, Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York, the Agency held a public hearing with respect to the Golf Project and the proposed financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency (the “Golf Project Public Hearing”) whereat interested parties were provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views. A summary of the Minutes of the Golf Project Public Hearing together with the Notice of Golf Project Public Hearing published and forwarded to the affected taxing jurisdictions ten (10) days prior to said Golf Project Public Hearing were attached to Resolution No. 21-16; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (“SEQR”), the Agency constitutes a “State Agency”; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether the Golf Project may have significant adverse effects on the environment, ERREI presented a Full Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) and supporting SEQR documents, including a Technical Memorandum with Appendices, to the Agency with respect to the Golf Project for its review; and

WHEREAS, the Agency determined that the Golf Project is an Unlisted Action under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Agency gave due consideration to the Golf Project Application of ERREI and to representations by ERREI that the proposed financial assistance is an inducement to ERREI to undertake the Golf Project; and

WHEREAS, prior to adoption of Resolution No. 21-16 on June 20, 2016, the Agency considered the following matters as more fully set forth in its then in effect Uniform Tax Exemption Policies (“UTEPS”):

- A. Permanent private sector job creation and retention;
- B. Estimated value of the tax exemption;
- C. Whether the affected taxing jurisdictions shall be reimbursed by ERREI if the Golf Project does not fulfill the purposes for which the exemption was granted;
- D. Impact of the Golf Project on existing and proposed business or economic development projects;
- E. The amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the Golf Project;
- F. Demonstrated public support for the Golf Project;
- G. Likelihood of accomplishing the Golf Project in a timely fashion;
- H. Environmental impact;
- I. Extent to which the Golf Project will require additional services including, but not limited to educational, police, transportation, EMS and fire;
- J. Extent to which the Golf Project will provide additional revenues; and
- K. Extent to which the Golf Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent, private sector jobs or increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Golf Project fell within the Agency’s “Destination Resort Program^a” under the Agency’s then in effect UTEP; and

WHEREAS, as further set forth in Resolution No. 21-16 on June 20, 2016, the Agency determined that, based on representations made by the ERREI to the Agency, a review of the EAF and supporting SEQR documents, including a Technical Memorandum with Appendices, the Golf Project would result in no major impacts and therefore, is one which may not cause significant damage to the environment and will not have a “significant effect on the environment” as such quoted term is defined in Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and that no “environmental impact statement” as such quoted term is defined in SEQR need be prepared for this action, and that such determination constituted a negative declaration of environmental significance for purposes of SEQR and adopted a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance.

WHEREAS, the Agency desired to encourage ERREI to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Sullivan County, New York by providing the contemplated financial assistance and undertaking the Golf Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director negotiated the Golf Project Transaction Documents with ERREI; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 22, 2016, the Agency (i) designated ERREI as its agent for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping the Golf Project; (ii) negotiated and entered into an Agent Agreement, a Lease, a Leaseback and a PILOT Agreement with ERREI

^a The Destination Resort Program was eliminated by the Agency on March 14, 2022 by Resolution No. 10-22.

(collectively, the “Golf Project Transaction Documents”); (iii) took a leasehold interest in the Golf Project Land, the improvements and personal property thereon which constitute the Golf Project; and (iv) provided financial assistance to ERREI in the form of (a) sales tax exemption for purchases related to the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the Golf Project; (b) a real property tax abatement on increased value resulting from improvements to the Golf Project Land through a PILOT Agreement; and (c) a mortgage recording tax exemption for financing related to the Golf Project; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 22, 2016, the Agency and the EPT Entities entered into a Third Omnibus Amendment of the EPT Transaction Documents to amend the project description to remove the Golf Project Land from the project description and reduce the TVSP as established in Section 1.3(a) of the EPT PILOT Agreement; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 9, 2022, ERREI requested the Agency amend the Golf Project Transaction Documents to reflect proposed amendments to the Golf Project; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 23, 2022, ERREI requested the Agency amend the Golf Project PILOT Agreement so the sixteen- (16) year period of benefits starts the year following completion of the Golf Project; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether proposed amendments to the Golf Project may have significant adverse effects on the environment, the Agency reviewed the EAF and supporting SEQR documents, including a Technical Memorandum with Appendices, to the Agency with respect to the Golf Project for its review; and

WHEREAS, the Agency determined that based on representations made by ERREI, the proposed amendments to the Golf Project will result in a reduction of impacts and therefore the Golf Project remains an Unlisted Action under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Agency determined that, based on representations made by ERREI to the Agency, a review of the EAF and supporting SEQR documents, including a Technical Memorandum with Appendices, the Golf Project would result in no major impacts and therefore, is one which may not cause significant damage to the environment and will not have a “significant effect on the environment” as such quoted term is defined in Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and that no “environmental impact statement” as such quoted term is defined in SEQR need be prepared for this action, and that such determination constituted a negative declaration of environmental significance for purposes of SEQR and ratifies the previously adopted Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 31, 2022, the Agency and ERREI entered into an (i) Amended and Restated Agent and Project Agreement; (ii) Omnibus Amendment to Project Documents and (iii) First Amended PILOT Agreement to amend the Golf Project Transaction Documents as follows:

- A. Modify the description of the Golf Project to update the reference of “an approximately 14,000± square foot clubhouse” to “a comfort station including restrooms and light snacks”;
- B. Increase the total budget from \$17,600,000 to \$33,700,000;
- C. Increase the total authorized exempt purchases by an additional \$12,125,000;
- D. Increase the authorized sales tax exemption by an additional \$970,000; and
- E. Extend the date for completion to June 1, 2023.
- F. Amend the PILOT Agreement so the sixteen- (16) year period of benefits starts the year following completion of the Golf Project; and

WHEREAS, by letter from Karen M. Cho, General Counsel, dated June 7, 2023, MOC requested a three (3) year extension of the PILOT benefit period; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 39-23, duly adopted by the Agency on October 16, 2023, the Agency authorized extension of the MOC PILOT for the Resorts World Catskills (“RWC”) casino for a period of two (2) years based on the findings adopted by Resolution 39-23; and

WHEREAS, the Employment Goals for the ERREI’s project are based on the employment obligations of MOC; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated November 6, 2023, Karen M. Cho, General Counsel to RWC, requested a two (2) year extension of ERREI’s PILOT.

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

Section 1. In reliance on the findings as set forth in Resolution No. 39-23 and since employment goals are based on the aggregate reporting of Employment Obligations as contemplated by the MOC PILOT, the Agency is willing to extend ERREI’s PILOT benefit period for a period of two (2) years.

Section 2. The extension of the PILOT benefit period will necessarily require an extension of the Lease to Agency and Leaseback to Company by two (2) years.

Section 3. The Chairperson or Executive Director, either acting individually, is hereby authorized to execute a Second Amended Payment in Lieu of Taxation Agreement; an Amended and Restated Lease to Agency together with a recording memorandum related thereto; an Amended and Restated Leaseback to Company together with a recording memorandum related thereto; and any other additional documents or instruments necessary to implement the intent of these resolutions.

Section 4. The foregoing are conditioned on compliance by ERREI of each of the following:

- 1) ERREI shall pay the Agency an administrative fee in the amount of One Thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars to defray the Agency's cost of implementing these resolutions and notifying impacted Taxing Jurisdictions.
- 2) ERREI shall reimburse the Agency or directly pay all professional fees of the Agency incurred to implement the extension of the PILOT benefit period.

Section 5. 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 6. These resolutions shall take effect immediately.

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

Suzanne Loughlin	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" 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
Carol Roig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Howard Siegel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" 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
Philip Vallone	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Kathleen Lara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input 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 Secretary of the Agency DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

1. I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution of the County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency (“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 in public session on November 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Village of Monticello, Sullivan County, New York, 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"/>]	[]
Carol Roig	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	[]
Howard Siegel	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	[]
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Philip Vallone	[]	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]
Kathleen Lara	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	[]

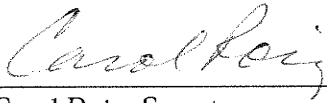
3. The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Suzanne Loughlin	[] Yes	[] No	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Absent	[] Abstain
Edward T. Sykes	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Yes	[] No	[] Absent	[] Abstain
Carol Roig	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Yes	[] No	[] Absent	[] Abstain
Howard Siegel	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Yes	[] No	[] Absent	[] Abstain
Scott Smith	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Yes	[] No	[] Absent	[] Abstain
Paul Guenther	[] Yes	[] No	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Absent	[] Abstain
Sean Brooks	[] Yes	[] No	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Absent	[] Abstain
Philip Vallone	[] Yes	[] No	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Absent	[] Abstain
Kathleen Lara	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Yes	[] No	[] 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 104 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public and public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Sections 103(a) and 104, (iii) the meeting in all respects was duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the 13th day of November, 2023.



Carol Roig, Secretary