



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**  
**Report of the Finance Subcommittee on Real Estate and**  
**Business and Economic Development**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

**12:30 PM Cook County Building Board Room, Rm.569**  
**118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**SECTION 1**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Gorman, Moore, Schneider and Steele (6)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Reyes (2)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chairman asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd).

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

**14-0713**

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners and ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HMK 1100, LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from HMK 1100, LLC and Resolution No. 42-13 from the Village of Elk Grove Village for an abandoned industrial facility located at 1100 Touhy Avenue, Elk Grove Village, Cook County, Illinois, Cook County District 17, Permanent Index Number 08-27-303-013-0000; and

**WHEREAS,** Cook County has defined abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 months, are purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS;** industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and.

**WHEREAS,** in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS,** in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS,** Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building was abandoned for 18 months at the time of application, and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS,** the applicant estimates that the re-occupancy will retain 302 full-time jobs, 12 part-time jobs, eight (8) new full-time jobs and 15-20 construction jobs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Elk Grove Village states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the special circumstances include that the property has been vacant for less than 24 months; will be purchased for value pending approval of the Class 6b; and is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS,** the applicant acknowledges that it must provide an affidavit to the Assessor's Office stipulating that it is in compliance with the County's Living Wage Ordinance prior to receiving the Class 6b incentive on the subject property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the property located at 1100 Touhy Avenue, Elk Grove Village, Cook County, Illinois, is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

**Legislative History:** 2/19/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Finance Subcommittee on Real Estate and Business and Economic Development

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Vice Chairman Murphy, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Gorman, Moore, Schneider and Steele (6)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Reyes (2)

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners and ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CHARLES EQUIPMENT ENERGY SYSTEM, LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from Charles Equipment Energy System, LLC and Resolution No. R-91-13 from the City of Des Plaines for an abandoned industrial facility located at 530 Santa Rose, Des Plaines, Cook County, Illinois, Cook County District 17, Permanent Index Number 09-31-200-016-0000; and

**WHEREAS,** Cook County has defined abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 months, are purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS;** industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**WHEREAS,** in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS,** in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS,** Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building was 100 % abandoned for two (2) months at the time of application, and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS,** the applicant estimates that the re-occupancy will create an estimated 6-8 full-time jobs; 5 part-time jobs; retain 14 full-time jobs; and 10-20 construction jobs; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Des Plaines states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the special circumstances include that the property has been vacant for less than 24 months; will be purchased for value and is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant acknowledges that it must provide an affidavit to the Assessor's Office stipulating that it is in compliance with the County's Living Wage Ordinance prior to receiving the Class 6b incentive on the subject property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the property located at 530 Santa Rose, Des Plaines, Cook County, Illinois, is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Vice Chairman Murphy, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Gorman, Moore, Schneider and Steele (6)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Reyes (2)

**14-1353**

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners and ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioner

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **VK ACQUISITIONS II, LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from VK Acquisitions II, LLC or Assignee and Resolution No. 28-13 from the Village of Elk Grove Village for an abandoned industrial facility located at 221 Joey Drive, Elk Grove Village Cook County, Illinois, Cook County District 17, Permanent Index Numbers 08-22-102-230-0000; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has defined abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 months, are purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value. Qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances justify finding that the property is abandoned for the purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of under 24 months and purchase for value by a disinterested buyer, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires a resolution by the County Board validating the property is deemed abandoned for the purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building has been abandoned for 18 months, at the time of application, with no purchase for value and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS**, the re-occupancy will create an estimated 15-20 new full-time jobs, and 10 construction jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Elk Grove Village states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the special circumstances include that the property has been vacant for under 24 months; there has been a purchase for value; and is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant acknowledges that it must provide an affidavit to the Assessor's Office stipulating that it is in compliance with the County's Living Wage Ordinance prior to receiving the Class 6b incentive on the subject property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the property located at 221 Joey Drive, Elk Grove Village, Cook County, Illinois, is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Vice Chairman Murphy, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Gorman, Moore, Schneider and Steele (6)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Reyes (2)

**14-1359**

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners and JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **GERALD G. WARNER 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from Gerald G. Warner and Resolution No. 13-001 from the Village of Bedford Park for an abandoned industrial facility located at 6312 W. 74th Street, Bedford Park, Cook County, Illinois, Cook County District 11, Permanent Index Number 19-29-100-055-0000 and 19-29-100-062-0000; and

**WHEREAS,** Cook County has defined abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 months, are purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS;** industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**WHEREAS,** in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS,** in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS,** Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building was abandoned for 17 months at the time of application, and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS,** the applicant estimates that the re-occupancy will create an estimated 15-20 full-time jobs and retain 40 full-time jobs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Bedford Park states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the special circumstances include that the property has been vacant for less than 24 months; will be purchased for value pending approval of the Class 6b; and is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS,** the applicant acknowledges that it must provide an affidavit to the Assessor's Office stipulating that it is in compliance with the County's Living Wage Ordinance prior to receiving the Class 6b incentive on the subject property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the property located at 6312 W. 74th Street, Bedford Park, Cook County, Illinois, is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Gorman, Moore, Schneider and Steele (6)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Reyes (2)

**14-1366**

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners and ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**GULLO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from George Gullo Development Corporation located in Unincorporated Cook County for a renewal of an existing Class 6b tax incentive for an industrial facility located at 2050 Higgins Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, Cook County District 17, Permanent Index Numbers 08-26-102-041-0000;and

**WHEREAS,** Cook County has defined that the classification period for Class 6b shall continue for 12 years from the date such new construction (excluding demolition if any), or such substantial rehabilitation was completed and initially assessed, or in case of abandoned property, from the date of substantial reoccupancy; and

**WHEREAS,** the Class 6b classification may be renewed during the last year in which a property is entitled to a 10% assessment level or when the incentive is still applied at the 15% or 20% assessment level, by filing a renewal application and a certified copy of a resolution or ordinance adopted by the municipality in which the real estate is located, or by the County Board, if located in an unincorporated area of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS,** industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year.

**WHEREAS,** the real estate is located in an unincorporated area of Cook County, the Cook County Board must by lawful resolution or ordinance, expressly state that it supports and consents to the filling of a Renewal Class 6b Application and that it finds Class 6b is necessary and beneficial to the local economy; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners confirms that the nature of the original development allowing the Class 6b was new construction and the original resolution was approved April 27, 2000; and

**WHEREAS,** the applicant estimate an currently employs 30 full time jobs and 10 part time jobs and the applicant estimate to create 10 full time jobs and 3 part time jobs and the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the industrial use of the property is necessary and beneficial to the local economy and supports and consents to the renewal of the Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant acknowledges that it must provide an affidavit to the Assessor's Office stipulating that it is in compliance with the County's Living Wage Ordinance prior to receiving the renewal Class 6b incentive on the subject property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the property located at 2050 Higgins Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, Cook County, Illinois, is deemed eligible for the renewal of the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Vice Chairman Murphy, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Gorman, Moore, Schneider and Steele (6)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Reyes (2)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Vice-Chairman Murphy, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.**

**SECTION 2**

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION  
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

- File Id Number 14-0713.....Recommended for Approval
- File Id Number 14-0715.....Recommended for Approval
- File Id Number 14-1353.....Recommended for Approval
- File Id Number 14-1359.....Recommended for Approval
- File Id Number 14-1366.....Recommended for Approval

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

\*A video recording of this meeting is available on the Office of the Secretary to the Board's website on the Video Page at <http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/secretarytotheboard/county-board-proceedings/county-board-video-and-audio/>.