



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Business and Economic Development Committee**

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

10:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison and S. Morrison (9)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Gainer asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

No public speakers

[21-1132](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/16/2020

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve 21-1132. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison and S. Morrison (9)

[21-0364](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

R & W MACHINE CLASS 6B SUSTAINABLE EMERGENCY RELIEF (SER)

WHEREAS, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b Sustainable Emergency Relief (SER) application containing the following information:

Applicant: R & W Machine

Address: 6551 W. 74th Street, Bedford Park, Illinois 60638

Length of time at current location: 34 years

Length of time property under same ownership: 34 years

Is there evidence supporting 10 years of the same ownership and/or occupancy (tenancy): Yes

Age of the Property (Building): 34 years

Municipality or Unincorporated Township: Bedford Park

Cook County District: 11

Permanent Index Number(s): 19-30-200-026-0000

Municipal Resolution Number: Village of Bedford Park Resolution No. 20-016

Evidence of Economic Hardship: Yes

Number of blighting factors associated with the property: **Excessive vacancies** - There is an above average vacancy rate in the area where the facility is located. **Deleterious land-use or layout-** The subject property was built in stages and lacks congruity. R & W grew, rather than leave the area, several additions were added in an attempt to accommodate the applicant. **Obsolescence** - Aging large machinery which is single-purpose and affixed to property and require specialized care and repair.

Has justification for the Class 6b SER program been provided?: Yes

Proposed use of property: Industrial - Manufacturing: R&W Machine has provided precision machining and manufacturing of large and complex parts such as gear boxes, bearing housings, railway axles and drive train components. including CNC machining services, for a wide variety of markets.

Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: Yes

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b Sustainable Emergency Relief (SER) that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for a long-term existing industrial enterprise that meets the qualifications of the SER program ; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment requires that an applicant under the Class 6b SER program provide evidence justifying their participation in the subject program; and

WHEREAS, Class 6b SER requires a resolution by the County Board validating the property for the purpose of the Class 6bSER Program; and

WHEREAS, the industrial enterprise that occupies the premises has been at the same location for a minimum of ten years prior to the date of the application for the Class 6b SER Program;

WHEREAS, the industrial enterprise that occupies the premises has submitted evidence of economic hardship to the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development supporting a determination that participation in the Class 6b SER Program is necessary for the industrial enterprise to continue its operations at its current location and maintain its staff, and without the Class 6b SER the industrial enterprise would not be economically viable causing the property to be in imminent risk of becoming vacant and unused; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is not receiving another Cook County Property Tax Incentive for the same property; and

WHEREAS, the municipality states the Class 6b SER is necessary for the industrial enterprise to maintain its operations on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of the Class 6b SER program; and

WHEREAS, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b SER can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that the application is approved by the Cook County Assessor. Properties receiving Class 6b SER 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, the applicant understand that the Class 6b SER classification is not renewable and also the applicant vacates the specific real estate while the Class 6b SER is in place the designation will terminate and the assessment level will immediately revert back to the 25% assessment level; and

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 above-captioned property is meets the requirements of the Class 6bSER Program; 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 Anaya, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for approval 21-0364. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison and S. Morrison (9)

[21-0369](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ILLINI PARTNERS VI LP CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 application containing the following information:

Applicant: Illini Partners VILP

Address: 12625 S. Western Avenue, Blue Island, Illinois

Municipality or Unincorporated Township: City of Blue Island

Cook County District: 6

Permanent Index Number: 25-30-311-001-0000; 25-30-311-002-0000; 25-30-311-0 03-0000; 25-30-311-006-0000; 25-30-311-007-0000 and 25-30-311-008-0000

Municipal Resolution Number: City of Blue Island, Resolution No. 2020-028

Number of month property vacant/abandoned: 64 months vacant

Special circumstances justification requested: Yes

Proposed use of property: Commercial use - retail

Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: Yes

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for more than 24 continuous months, there has been no purchased for value by a purchaser and the property is in need of substantial rehabilitation; 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 may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; and

WHEREAS, in the case of abandonment of over 24 months and no purchase for value by a disinterested buyer, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property as being deemed abandoned; and

WHEREAS, Class 8 requires a resolution by the County Board validating the property as abandoned for the purpose of Class 8; and

WHEREAS, the municipality states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

WHEREAS; commercial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying commercial real estate eligible for the Class 8 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 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

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 above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; 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 Anaya, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for approval 21-0369. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison and S. Morrison (9)

[21-0374](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ARIHANTANAM 2, LLC CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real

Property Assessment Classification 8 application containing the following information:

Applicant: Arihantanam 2, LLC

Address: 2850 W. 159th Street, Markham, Illinois

Municipality or Unincorporated Township: City of Markham

Cook County District: 5

Permanent Index Number: 28-13-330-043-0000

Municipal Resolution Number: City of Markham, Ordinance No. 19-O-2243

Number of month property vacant/abandoned: 12 months vacant

Special circumstances justification requested: Yes

Proposed use of property: Commercial - Hotel

Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: N/A

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned commercial facility; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; 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 may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; 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 8 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 municipality states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

WHEREAS; commercial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying commercial real estate eligible for the Class 8 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 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

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 above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; 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 Anaya, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for approval 21-0374. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison and S. Morrison (9)

[21-0384](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

POWER HOUSE HOLDING LLC CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 application containing the following information:

Applicant: Power House Holding LLC

Address: 1007 E. 162nd Street, South Holland, Illinois

Municipality or Unincorporated Township: Village of South Holland

Cook County District: 6

Permanent Index Number: 29-23-109-026-0000 & 29-23-109-027-0000

Municipal Resolution Number: Village of South Holland Resolution approved December 18, 2017

Number of month property vacant/abandoned: 25 months vacant

Special circumstances justification requested: Yes

Proposed use of property: Commercial - office space

Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: N/A

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned commercial facility; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; 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 may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; 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 8 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 municipality states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

WHEREAS; commercial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying commercial real estate eligible for the Class 8 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 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

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 above-captioned property is

deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; 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 Anaya, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for approval 21-0384. The motion carried by the following vote:

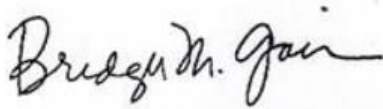
Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison and S. Morrison (9)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison and S. Morrison (9)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.