

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

October 23, 2019

NO. 19-37

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR METROPOLITAN
COUNCIL'S TAX BASE REVITALIZATION ACCOUNT FOR AFFORDABLE
HOUSING AND RETAIL REDEVELOPMENT BUILDING AT
1667 SNELLING AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the City of Falcon Heights is a participant in the Livable Communities Act's Local Housing Incentives Account Program for 2019 as determined by the Metropolitan Council, and is therefore eligible to make an application to apply for funds under the Tax Base Revitalization Account; and

WHEREAS, the City of Falcon Heights has identified a contamination clean-up project within the City that meets the Tax Base Revitalization Account's purposes and criteria and is consistent with and promotes the purposes of the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act and the Policies of the Metropolitan Council's adopted metropolitan development guide; and

WHEREAS, the City has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure adequate project and grant administration; and

WHEREAS, the City certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the contract grant agreements; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the required contamination cleanup will not occur through private or other public investment within the reasonably foreseeable future without Tax Base Revitalization Account grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the City represents that it has undertaken reasonable and good faith efforts to procure funding for the activities for which Livable Communities Act Tax Base Revitalization Account funding is sought but was not able to find or secure from other sources funding that is necessary for cleanup completion and states that this representation is based on the following reasons and supporting facts:

- A portion of the site was formerly used as a filling station and recognized environmental concerns have been identified that require environmental remediation and stabilization in order to attract apartment and retail tenants
- Portions of the site are currently vacant or were occupied by tax-exempt entities, making little contribution to the tax base and renovation will create new business opportunities to meet the needs of the marketplace

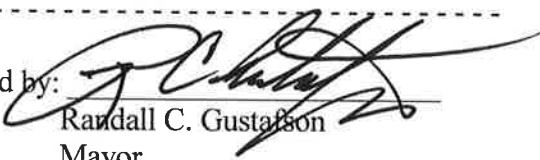
- Portions of the site were constructed in 1946 and 1956 with asbestos containing material, thus requiring environmental remediation in order to attract employers that will provide permanent living wage jobs for the region
- The location of the project can take advantage of existing infrastructure investments, as well as transit connections via Metro Transit routes #30, #61 and A

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Falcon Heights City Council authorizes Buhl GTA, LLC and Braun Intertec to submit an application for Metropolitan Council Tax Base Revitalization Account grant funds and, if the City is awarded a Tax Base Revitalization Account grant for the mixed use restoration project, the City will be the grantee and agrees to act as legal sponsor to administer and be responsible for grant funds expended for the project contained in the Tax Base Revitalization grant application submitted on November 1, 2019.

Adopted by the Falcon Heights City Council this 23rd day of October, 2019.

Moved by: **HARRIS**


Approved by:


Randall C. Gustafson
Mayor

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4 In Favor
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Attested by:


Sack Thongvanh
City Administrator