

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 27, 2011 AT 9:00 AM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, CHAIRMAN at 9:15 AM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK
TOWN COUNCILMAN ERIC KITCHEN
TOWN COUNCILWOMAN CRIS HENDRICK
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOHN MORROW
SUPERVISOR JAMES QUIGLEY 3rd

Accepting the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Tech City – East Campus as Complete for Involved Agency and Public Review

Councilman Kitchen moved to approve the following:

Determination of Completeness of the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement for The TechCity East Campus, Town of Ulster

WHEREAS, TechCity Properties, Inc. has submitted an application for two actions to allow redevelopment of approximately 2,000,000 square feet of former industrial space, as follows:

1. An amendment of Chapter 190 of the Town Code, Zoning, to establish a Redevelopment Overlay District (ROD) that provides alternative provisions for use and development of certain qualifying sites in Office Manufacturing (OM) Districts. The Zoning Map will also be revised to designate the TechCity East Campus as such a district.
2. Approval of a proposed “Comprehensive Design Plan” (“CDP”), for the redevelopment of the East Campus of TechCity prepared in accordance with the provisions of the proposed ROD, which establishes the general distribution of uses, location and layout of buildings, parking and interior circulation within the district to be designated; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution of the Town Board, the Action was determined to be a Type 1 Action as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) Regulations, and a coordinated review was initiated; and

WHEREAS, after the required circulation, there being no objection thereto, the Town Board declared itself to be Lead Agency for the conduct of the SEQR environmental review of the Action; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution the Town Board adopted a Positive Declaration for the Action, prepared a Draft Scoping Document and set a public scoping session for March 19, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, by Resolution of the Town Board dated April 16, 2009, the Town Board adopted a Final Scope for the Action and commenced preparation of a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) in accordance with the Final Scope; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution of the Town Board dated December 2, 2010, Town Board accepted a DGEIS as complete with respect to its scope and content for purposes of commencing public review and scheduled a public hearing for purposes of soliciting public comment on the DGEIS; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board prepared, and then caused to be filed and published a Notice of Completion and Notice of Hearing of DGEIS in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Section 617.9(a)(3) and 617.12 of the SEQR regulations; and

WHEREAS, the public comment period on the DGEIS commenced on December 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS, public hearings on the DGEIS were held on February 3, 2011 and February 17, 2011 at which times all members of the public and representatives of interested and involved agencies were given an opportunity to present oral and written comment on the DGEIS; and

WHEREAS, the public comment period on the DGEIS was closed at the close of business on February 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, upon the close of the public comment period, the Town Board, with the assistance of its own technical consultants, conducted a careful and thorough review and consideration of all of the involved agency, interested agency and public comments received; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of all of the comments received, the Town Board took a hard look at the potential adverse impacts of the proposed Action and engaged in the process of assessing those impacts as well as balancing the environmental and economic concerns, consistent with social, economic, and other essential considerations as is required by SEQR; and

WHEREAS, a response to all substantive comments received during the public comment period have been set forth in a Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement ("FGEIS"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has finalized its preparation of the FGEIS:

NOW THEREFORE Be It Resolved by the Town of Ulster Town Board, as follows:

Section 1: That pursuant to 617.9(a)(6) of the SEQR Regulations the Planning Board determines that the FGEIS is complete and is in a form suitable for purposes of the decision-making and findings requirements prescribed by Section 617.11 of the SEQR regulations.

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Section 2: That the Lead Agency will prepare and file, circulate as required, and publish a Notice of Completion of FGEIS in accordance with Article 8 of the ECL and Section 617.9(a)(6) of the SEQR Regulations.

Section 3: That the Lead Agency will file copies of the FGEIS pursuant to Section 617.12 of the SEQR Regulations and circulate and distribute the FGEIS and Notice of Completion in accordance with Section 617.12 of the SEQR Regulations and provide certification of said circulation and distribution.

Section 4: That in accordance with the requirements of Section 617.11 of the SEQR Regulations, the Lead Agency will afford agencies and the public a period of at least 10 days to consider the FGEIS prior to the Lead Agency's issuance of its Findings Statement.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

Motion to approve the hiring of one part time employee for the Court

Councilman Morrow motioned to approve the hiring of Leanne L. Buchinger as a part-time employee for the Court at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour effective 5/25/2011

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick
All Ayes

Motion to Authorize the Supervisor to sign a Stipulation of Settlement with Don McKenzie d/b/a Buck's Junk Yard

Councilman Morrow moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a stipulation of settlement with Don McKenzie d/b/a Buck's Junk Yard

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick
All Ayes

Councilman Brink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 AM

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick
All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk