

On motion of Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, the following resolution was adopted...

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COORDINATING WITH THE CITY OF CINCINNATI ON A REDEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE DOWNTOWN CONVENTION CENTER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) supports collaboration with the City of Cincinnati (“City”) and other regional stakeholders to generate a comprehensive strategy for redevelopment of the Downtown Convention Center District; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Convention Center District was developed in collaboration with both public and private stakeholders to drive economic activity in the region by attracting and hosting conventions and other large events; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a Headquarter / Convention Hotel, and associated committable rooms, is the greatest impediment to attracting major conventions to Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the current configuration of the Downtown Convention Center District lacks the proximate amenities, and the underutilization of surrounding properties is hampering the community’s ability to compete against other regional and national convention center destinations, resulting in a loss of convention and event business to our region; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Convention Center District and the surrounding buildings and properties are in need of a comprehensive redevelopment strategy, including coordinated development efforts by public and private parties, to ensure that the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County can become not just a regional but a national destination for conventions and large events; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati City Council has introduced a resolution to designate 3CDC, a locally based non-profit organization focused on the redevelopment of the City’s urban core with a proven track record of success in establishing comprehensive redevelopment strategies, as the appropriate organization to fulfill this task; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs, generally, with the attached Scope of Work authorizing 3CDC to serve as the coordinating entity for Downtown Convention Center District planning recognizing that the development of a headquarter convention center hotel should take immediate precedence over other planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Board expects 3CDC to conduct thorough community engagement of County residents, neighboring small businesses, Convention Facilities Authority, and intentionally diverse stakeholders to ensure an equitable and inclusive approach to revitalization within the Downtown Convention Center District; and

WHEREAS, the Board expects individual development agreements resulting from the Downtown Convention Center District plan to include specific and actionable minority inclusion goals, local hire outreach commitment, and maintenance of a lens of racial equity throughout the development process.

WHEREAS, as part of 3CDC’s strategic planning role for the Downtown Convention Center District 3CDC will work with Hamilton County Administration, City Administration, The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, and other regional stakeholders to develop a policy and plan that creates a roadmap for implementing inclusion goals and promoting participation by minority-owned developers and other minority businesses in the redevelopment of the Downtown Convention Center District.

WHEREAS, as included in the attached Scope of Work, the Board expects to work in partnership with the City to oversee each phase of planning for the Downtown Convention Center District, and will ask County Administrator Jeff Aluotto, or his designee, to serve as liaison and point of contact for the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board looks forward to continued collaborations and partnerships with the City, working together to stimulate economic growth and improve the lives of our residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves to partner with the City and other regional stakeholders to generate a comprehensive strategy for revitalization of the Downtown Convention Center District beginning, first, with the recruitment of a developer for a new Headquarter/Convention Hotel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Administrator is hereby directed and authorized to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board, City and 3CDC guiding these efforts, generally consistent with the attached Scope of Work, and inclusive of the conditions and policy direction detailed within this Resolution for a term not to exceed 4 years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that 3CDC will report regularly to the County Administrator and City Manager on progress relating to this project and will report no less frequently than quarterly to the Board of County Commissioners.

**ADOPTED** at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Ms. Summerow Dumas \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Reece \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Driehaus \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CERTIFICATE OF CLERK**

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED** that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in session this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Leslie Hervey, Interim Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
Hamilton County, Ohio