RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE GUIDING PUBLIC INTERSTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THE AZALEA AVENUE AND OLD HENDERSONVILLE HIGHWAY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard is committed to the expanding housing opportunities for all residents and is pursuing affordable housing initiatives in response; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted the Development Finance Initiative (DFI) to assess affordable housing development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City executed an option to purchase agreement for three parcels on Azalea Avenue and Old Hendersonville Highway for affordable housing development for low-to-moderate income households; and

WHEREAS, the City and DFI conducted community engagement to form the guiding public interest for the project; and

WHEREAS, the guiding public interests are site-specific goal statements that define project values, set site-specific parameters, and inform actionable trade-offs for the site's development as affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, based on the community input received, the following are refined guiding public interests:

Affordable housing development on the Azalea Avenue site should:

1. *optimize the number of new, quality rental units affordable to Brevard's low-to-moderate income households and the local workforce.*
2. *include access to green space and community amenities for residents.*
3. *attract as much private investment as possible to maximize the impact of public investment in affordable housing.*
4. *accommodate the City's sewer infrastructure extension in the Azalea/Rhododendron neighborhood.*

WHEREAS, the Housing Committee unanimously recommended in favor of the guiding public interests for the project on January 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, City Council heard a presentation on the guiding public interests for this project and a summary of community feedback at its January 21, 2025, meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

Section 01. The guiding public interests for affordable housing development on the Azalea Avenue site listed above and presented to the City Council at its meeting on January 21, 2025, are hereby endorsed.

Adopted and approved this the 21st day of January, 2025.

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Maureen Copelof
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk