



# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Montre' Freeman, City Manager

**Date:** April 19, 2024

**Subj:** Consideration – Call for a Public Hearing – Project White Eagle

**\*This item originally appeared on the April 8, 2024, but was tabled by request of the Council until more information could be provided. Manager Freeman will be providing an update during the Regular Session with that information.**

## ***BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:***

Several months ago, the Council discussed "Project White Eagle" during closed session and were advised that as the project moved forward, there would be certain things the City and County would need to do in support. We have now received the request that two public hearings will need to be called for "Project White Eagle" – one will be a hearing in support of a building reuse grant and the other for a OneNC grant. The City will need to pass resolutions of support following the close of the hearing(s). Scott Hinton has provided draft resolutions and template for the hearing notices (attached).

## ***STAFF RECOMMENDATION:***

By motion, call for a public hearing to be held on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, directly following the public comment period for the purpose of considering a State of North Carolina economic development incentive by way of a Building Reuse Grant for a company known as "Project White Eagle"; and

By motion, call for a public hearing to be held on Monday, May 13 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, directly following the public comment period for the purpose of considering a State of North Carolina economic development incentive by way of application to One NC for a company known as "Project White Eagle."

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF A COMPANY TO BE REFERRED TO AS  
"PROJECT WHITE EAGLE" TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE RURAL ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION BUILDING REUSE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The City of Elizabeth City is committed to advancing and promoting economic development in Elizabeth City, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 158-7.1(a) authorizes the use of economic incentives for the purpose of private sector job creation;

WHEREAS, Project White Eagle has pledged to create up to 23 new full-time jobs in Elizabeth City, is eligible to apply for a Building Reuse Grant up to the amount of \$200,000 through the North Carolina Department of Commerce, and requires the sponsorship of Pasquotank County to make application; and

WHEREAS, The City of Elizabeth City acknowledges that, if the grant is awarded, it will be required to commit a cash match of 5% of the grant amount toward the project for a total cash match of up to \$10,000, one-half to be funded by the City of Elizabeth City to Pasquotank County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Elizabeth City City Council that it does hereby support and endorse the application of Project White Eagle to the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Building Reuse Grant Program for a grant up to the amount of \$200,000.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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E. Kirk Rivers, Mayor

Attest:

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April Onley, City Clerk

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF A COMPANY TO BE REFERRED TO AS  
"PROJECT WHITE EAGLE" TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION ONE NORTH CAROLINA FUND PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The City of Elizabeth City is committed to advancing and promoting economic development in Elizabeth City, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 158-7.1(a) authorizes the use of economic incentives for the purpose of private sector job creation;

WHEREAS, Project White Eagle has pledged to create up to 23 new full-time jobs in Elizabeth City, is eligible to apply for a One NC Fund Grant up to the amount of \$60,000 through the North Carolina Department of Commerce, and requires the sponsorship of Pasquotank County to make application; and

WHEREAS, The City of Elizabeth City acknowledges that, if the grant is awarded, it will be required to commit a cash match of \$1 for every \$3 of the grant amount toward the project for a total cash match of up to \$20,000, one-half to be funded by the City of Elizabeth City to Pasquotank County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Elizabeth City City Council that it does hereby support and endorse the application of Project White Eagle to the North Carolina Department of Commerce's One North Carolina Fund Grant Program for a grant up to the amount of \$60,000.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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E. Kirk Rivers, Mayor

Attest:

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April Onley, City Clerk