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5	YONKERS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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	DATE: August 17, 2021
9	TIME: 10:51 A.M.
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	MAYOR MIKE SPANO, CHAIRMAN
13	MARLYN ANDERSON, SECRETARY
	CECILE SINGER, BOARD MEMBER
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	PETER KISCHAK, VICE CHAIRMAN (ABSENT)
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16	IDA STAFF
17	JAIME McGILL - IDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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18	JAMES CAVANAUGH, DEPUTY MAYOR
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2 0	ALSO PRESENT:
21	MICHAEL CURTI, ESQ HARRIS BEACH, PLLC
	LARRY SYKES, ESQ., YEDC COUNSEL
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MS. McGILL: The first item is a resolution authorizing the Distribution of Funds for the Yonkers Downtown BID for the Uplighting at St. John's Episcopal Church. We have Mike Curti here to represent the transaction.

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MR. CURTI: Thank you, Mayor and Members of the Board.

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This is an allocation for \$5,000 for something known as the uplighting for certain downtown updated area.

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The lights will be affixed to St. John's Episcopal Church.

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This isn't so much ... as it is benefiting the surrounding area. police have issued a memo which has been shared with the board.

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The purpose of the lighting is twofold. One is higher visibility to act as a crime deterrent to those seeking ... by law, and also reinforces the comfort and security

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The bidder has also sent a letter requesting the funds because they believe that the uplighting will provide for a safe and secure environment that may generate

additional business opportunities for

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merchants that may be more inclined to consider hours of operation, open a little later in the evening if there is a well lit area that is surrounding their shops and businesses.

I will note that these funds will go to assist in a number of the economic initiatives that this board has supported or that generally have been supported by the IDA or the city of Yonkers.

You may recall that during our last ... during the IDA meeting there was a presentation for Hudson. That building will be located about a half a block away from where St. John's Episcopal Church is and will benefit from the lighting.

You may recall that the corporation and the agency also supported the construction project which is directly across the street from St. John's Episcopal Church.

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This will be benefiting a number of the economic development projects that have been considered by the agency.

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If there are any questions, I will be happy to answer them.

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MAYOR SPANO: Does anybody have any questions?

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Before we vote on this I just wanted to mention real quick that we should never forget that St. John's Church, the oldest church, probably the oldest residence in Westchester County dating back to founders.

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So, there's a tremendous history in our downtown. Sometimes we get it. I think we've been focusing the last couple of years in trying to remind, especially young people who live in Yonkers, about the history of your city on how

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significant Yonkers was, even in the

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So, it's important to have this

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birth of a very new nation.

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building highlighted, and I note that you're going to point to all the security factors that are associated with lighting this building, but I also think that we need point to the fact that that building needs to be highlighted in the downtown and a lot will follow this, a lot of good things will follow this. People will come. They'll visit. They'll see the church.

They'll want to know did George Washington actually come here and maybe attended a service at that church in that particular location.

So, I think this is a good idea for us. Something that we should do. I know that the state has their own plans for the facility which they are working on right now. We'll work with them on doing this in the future, but for now let's get the church done.

Does someone want to make a

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Bronx River Road.

You may recall that the IDA had received and approved this project which came across 150 apartments on Bronx River Road.

The facility has been constructed, and the applicant for the company is looking to refinance the project, but they are looking to total cash out of the project as part of that refinance.

The reason they are pulling that cash out of the project is to assist in an affordable housing project that they are undertaking in the City of New Rochelle. There's 186 low affordable residential units for families earning between 50 and 60 percent of AMI.

So, insofar as this project the one thing that sort of struck us was that the money won't be used for exhaustive purposes.

As you know, there's a variety

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of different portions. There's the state, the county portion, and then there's the local portion for Yonkers. We believe that portion of the funds should come back to the City of Yonkers, mainly the city of Yonkers' portion so the developers agreed that \$120,000 that represents the City of Yonkers' portion will come back to the corporation so that it could be invested in Yonkers.

We believe it's an appropriate use of the exemption because insofar as the state and county is concerned.

The county is suffering from a lack of affordable housing in large portions of the county outside of Yonkers.

Certainly the county did a housing needs assessment and there's a shortfall of approximately 1,000 units. So obviously these funds to be used for a project in New Rochelle will go towards an important area ...

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With that we turn it over to

Ms. Bradshaw. Thank you.

MS. BRADSHAW: Good morning.

MAYOR SPANO: Good morning.

MS. BRADSHAW: Basically we are looking to permanently finance our project and our mortgage recording tax doesn't cover the final permanent mortgage and we are commencing a project in the City of New Rochelle It will be an as was explained. affordable housing project. funds will be rolled over into the project in New Rochelle that would help support that project which is 186 units. So, that the extra funds that I'm asking for in terms of mortgage recording tax would be used to help to finance 186 units residential property that's on the Garden Street section in New Rochelle.

This is a project that's slated for 50 to 60 percent AMI, so it is a

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2	fully affordable project. It's not a
3	hybrid and it's not a luxury rental
4	building but it is said to be for
5	that would be considered working
6	families in the city and there is big
7	need for the City of New Rochelle to
8	have this affordable project.
9	So, we are asking for help from
10	the City of Yonkers and as explained
11	the money that is not used in Yonkers
12	that part of the exemption would be
13	returned to Yonkers.
14	MAYOR SPANO: Any questions?
15	Thank you so much.
16	MS. BRADSHAW: Thank you.
17	MAYOR SPANO: Does anyone want
18	to make a motion?
19	MS. MARLYN: Motion.
20	MAYOR SPANO: Marlyn has made a
21	motion.
22	MS. SINGER: Second.
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24	Cecile. All in favor?
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24 25 MAYOR SPANO: Any negatives?

MS. McGILL: The next item is a resolution authorizing additional mortgage recording tax exemption for 56 Prospect Holdings, LLC.

We have Jim Veneruso here representing the project and Michael Curti representing the transaction.

MR. CURTI: Thank you. Mayor and Members of the Board, this is a project that the IDA approved some time ago, actually almost already to close it, but as you will notice the company is requiring additional mortgage recording tax in order to finalize the transaction.

The IDA approved mortgage recording tax exemption up to 28 They are actually seeking a million. \$31.5 million mortgage.

Mr. Veneruso is here along with Craig Kirsch to tell you a little more about that.

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The bottom line is that costs have increased as a result of COVID. So, they need to borrow more money from the bank in order to start the project.

You may recall that this
project is diagonally across from
where City Day Care is located, and
I'll turn it over to Mr. Veneruso, if
he has anything more to add about the
project.

MR. VENERUSO: Members of the Board, good morning. James Veneruso, Veneruso, Curto, Schwartz & Curto, 35 East Grassy Sprain Road, Yonkers.

Mr. Curti explained the project in terms of why we're here but just to summarize; the project has increased in the number of units from the point in time when it was first submitted to the board. In addition, given the time we are talking about with COVID increasing the number of units and the increased costs, that

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2	is the reason for this request.
3	If you have any questions, I'm
4	here to answer them or if I can't
5	Craig Kirsch, one of the principals
6	and a member of the LLC is here, as
7	well.
8	MAYOR SPANO: Any questions?
9	MS. SINGER: I make a motion.
10	MAYOR SPANO: Since there are
11	no questions, Cecile has made a
L 2	motion.
13	MS. ANDERSON: Second.
L 4	MAYOR SPANO: Seconded by
15	Marlyn. All in favor?
16	(Chorus of ayes.)
17	MAYOR SPANO: The item is
18	passed. No negatives. The item is
19	passed.
2 0	MS. McGILL: We have no other
21	business.
22	MR. SYKES: No legal updates.
23	MAYOR SPANO: Does someone want
2 4	to make a motion to adjourn?
2 5	MS. SINGER: Motion.

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2	MAYOR SPANO: Cecile has made a
3	motion to adjourn.
4	MS. ANDERSON: Second.
5	MAYOR SPANO: Seconded by
6	Marlyn. All in favor?
7	(Chorus of ayes.)
8	MAYOR SPANO: We're adjourned.
9	(Whereupon, the proceedings
10	concluded at 11:03 A.M.)
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