RESOLUTION NO. 2025-145

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINSTRATION, THE NEW JERSEY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER, AND CITY OF VINELAND, REGARDING THE VINELAND DEVELOPMENT CENTER INDUSTRIAL PARK AT 860 NORTH ORCHARD ROAD.

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2024, City Council of the City of Vineland approved an Agreement for the purchase of the Vineland Development Center, West Campus, 860 N. Orchard Road, for the development of an Industrial Park;

WHEREAS, development of the Property as an Industrial Park will require the demolition of all the buildings located thereon, including the Vineland State School and the Almond Road Colony.

WHEREAS development of the Vineland Development Center, West Campus, as an Industrial Park is in the public interest as it will increase the tax base, promote employment, and otherwise created economic opportunities for the residents of the City;

WHEREAS, in connection with the purchase, the City is has applied for a Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant from the United States Economic Development Administration ("USEDA") for the proposed site clearance and infrastructure construction in connection with the proposed industrial park thereby making the proposed development subject to review under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 54 U.S.C. § 306108, and its implementing regulations, 36 C.F.R. § 800;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the conditions of the USEDA Grant, the City has consulted with the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) who has determined that the proposed development will have an adverse effect on the Vineland State School and Almond Road Colony as a result of the proposed demolition of the buildings;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the conditions of the USEDA Grant, the City has assumed responsibility for mitigating any said adverse effects;

WHEREAS, execution of the attached Memorandum of Agreement, performance of obligations set forth therein, and compliance with the terms of said Memorandum will satisfy the City's responsibility under the terms of the USEPA Grant to mitigate said adverse effects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Vineland, the governing body of the City of Vineland, that the statements of the preamble, hereinabove, are incorporated herein as though fully set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the attached Memorandum of Agreement attached hereto is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Vineland is authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement in the form and substance attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Adopted: March 25, 2025			
		President of Council	pfs
ATTEST:			
City Clerk	rgf		