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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK RESOLUTION NO. 2001

Resolution approving the decision of the City Planning Commission on ULURP No. C 130315 ZMR, a Zoning Map amendment (L.U. No. 924).

By Council Members Comrie and Weprin

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission filed with the Council on September 16, 2013 its decision dated September 11, 2013 (the "Decision"), on the application submitted by the NYC Economic Development Corporation, New York Wheel LLC and St. George Outlet Development LLC, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter, for an amendment of the Zoning Map, to extend the boundaries of the Special St. George District, which along with its related actions, would facilitate the redevelopment of the two city-owned commuter parking lots at the St. George Ferry Terminal for a 625-ft. tall, 1,440-passenger observation wheel with an accessory terminal building including approximately 18,500 square feet (sq. ft.) of accessory retail; a 950-space, 170,000 sq. ft. covered public parking facility; a 340,000 sq. ft. a retail outlet mall with a 130,000 sq. ft. (approximately 200-room) hotel; and 20,000 sq. ft. catering facility. It will also provide for a deck that will be built over the existing railroad right of way that abuts Richmond Terrace to permit pedestrian and vehicular connections between Richmond Terrace and the site, Community District 1, (ULURP No. C 130315 ZMR), Borough of Staten Island (the "Application");

WHEREAS, the Application is related to applications N 130316 ZRR (L.U. No. 923), a zoning text amendment to establish the North Waterfront Subdistrict within the existing Special St. George District and a new special permit in Section 128-61 to permit development on designated parcels pursuant to a development plan; C 130317 ZSR (L.U. No. 925), a special permit pursuant to Section 128-61 to permit the development of an observation wheel and accessory terminal building; the development of a public parking garage for 950 cars and 12 buses; the decking over of a railroad right-of-way; and establishing in lieu of base plane an appropriate level or levels as the reference plane; C 130318 ZSR (L.U. No. 926), a special permit pursuant to Section 128-61 to permit the development of a retail outlet mall with approximately 100 stores, hotel, and catering facility; the development of a 1,250-space public parking garage; offsite interim public parking lots with more than 150 spaces; the decking over of a railroad right-of-way; and establishing in lieu of base plane an appropriate level or levels as the reference plane; C 130319 PPR (L.U. No. 927), disposition of Parcel 1 (Block 2, part of Lot 20), a City-owned property (via application of the NYC Dept. of Small Business Services); and C 130320 PPR (L.U. No. 928), disposition of Parcel 2 (Block 2, parts of Lots 1, 5, 10 and 20), a City-owned property (via application of the NYC Dept. of Small Business Services);

WHEREAS, the Decision is subject to review and action by the Council pursuant to Section 197-d(b)(1) of the City Charter;

WHEREAS, upon due notice, the Council held a public hearing on the Decision and Application on October 2, 2013;

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the land use implications and other policy issues relating to the Decision and Application; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the relevant environmental issues and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (“FEIS”) for which a Notice of Completion was issued on August 29, 2013 (CEQR No. 13SBS001R);

RESOLVED:

Having considered the FEIS with respect to the Decision and Application, the Council finds that:

- (1) The FEIS meets the requirements of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617;
- (2) Consistent with social, economic, and other essential considerations, from among the reasonable alternatives thereto, the action to be approved is one which minimizes or avoids adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable; and
- (3) The adverse environmental impacts disclosed in the FEIS will be minimized or avoided to the maximum extent practicable by incorporating as conditions to the approval, in accordance with an environmental commitment letter, dated September 11, 2013, from the New York City Economic Development Corporation, the St. George Outlet Development LLC, and the New York Wheel LLC, those project components related to the environment and mitigation measures that were identified as practicable; and
- (4) The Decision together with the FEIS constitute the written statement of facts, and of social, economic and other factors and standards, that form the basis of the decision, pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.11(d).

Pursuant to Sections 197-d and 200 of the City Charter and on the basis of the Decision and Application, and based on the environmental determination and consideration described in this report, C 130315 ZMR, incorporated by reference herein, the Council approves the Decision.

The Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, effective as of December 15, 1961, and as subsequently amended, is further amended by changing the Zoning Map, Section No. 21c, by establishing a Special St. George District bounded by Richmond Terrace, the northerly prolongation of the westerly street line of St. Peters Place, the U.S. Pierhead Line, and the northerly street line of Borough Place and its easterly and westerly prolongations, as shown on a diagram (for illustrative purposes only) dated May 20, 2013, Community District 1, Borough of Staten Island.

Adopted.

Office of the City Clerk, }
The City of New York, } ss.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by The Council of The City of New York on October 30, 2013, on file in this office.

City Clerk, Clerk of The Council