

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY HOUSING SERVICES AGENCY, INC. (CHSA) TO UTILIZE UP TO \$2,500,000 FROM THE SAVANNAH AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND AND UP TO \$500,000 FROM CHSA FUNDS TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 50 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COTTAGES FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND A RESIDENT SERVICES BUILDING LOCATED AT THE DUNDEE COTTAGES AND THE COVE AT DUNDEE SITES IN SAVANNAH, CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah established the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) in 2012 to address local affordable housing challenges and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah included \$7,000,000 in the City's FY2022 budget for the SAHF to support a wide range of affordable housing activities including developing housing for persons experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) is a local non-profit established in 1989 with support from community, business, and government leaders for the purpose of funding affordable housing developments; and

WHEREAS, since 2013 CHSA has administered the SAHF for the City of Savannah, and

WHEREAS, the use of proposed SAHF funds and CHSA funds must be authorized by the Mayor and Aldermen for projects totaling more than \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, CHSA will use the \$2,500,000 SAHF and \$500,000 of CHSA funds to facilitate the construction of up to 50 new permanent supportive housing cottages and a resident services building for persons experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, 38 of the new cottages and the resident services building will be located on the Dundee Cottages site and up to 12 new cottages will be located on the adjoining Cove at Dundee site; and

WHEREAS, when fully developed, these two sites will contain a total of 84 permanent supportive housing dwellings including one caretaker cottage; and

WHEREAS, once developed, the new cottages and resident services building are expected to be leased, owned and/or managed by the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless (CSAH) which owns and manages the adjoining Cove at Dundee site; and

WHEREAS, while development is taking place, the CSAH and CHSA will be securing permanent funding that is expected to replace much of the SAHF development funding; and

WHEREAS, in support of the development described herein, the City of Savannah is prepared to pay to install required infrastructure and is prepared to transfer the Dundee Cottage property to the Chatham County / City of Savannah Land Bank Authority (LBA) so the LBA can make the property available to CHSA Development for the construction of the cottages and resident services building; and

WHEREAS, the 50 new cottages and resident services building are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy and use in July 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, authorize CHSA to use up to \$2,500,000 from the SAHF and up to \$500,000 from CHSA as described herein to facilitate the construction of up to 50 cottages and a resident services building that provides permanent supportive services to residents of Dundee Cottages and the Cove at Dundee in Savannah, Georgia.

Adopted this 25th day of August 2022

Van R. Johnson, II, Mayor

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council