

RESOLUTION
TO AUTHOIZE THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MHSE 16 SAVANNAH GARDENS 6, L.P. (MERCY HOUSING) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THE SAVANNAH GARDENS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah (the “City”) requested the non-profit housing organization, CHSA Development, Inc., secure the public-private financing necessary to purchase and redevelop the former 44 acre, 380 apartment, distressed Strathmore Estates apartment site with new housing, parks and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City committed financial resources necessary for the installation of public infrastructure improvements to serve new housing developed at Savannah Gardens and to benefit adjoining neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, CHSA Development, Inc. has overseen the development and sale of single family homes in Savannah Gardens; and

WHEREAS, CHSA Development, Inc. selected Mercy Housing Southeast, another non-profit housing organization, to secure financing and develop multi-family housing in Savannah Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Housing, with City support, created MHSE 16 Savannah Gardens 6 L.P. earlier this year to apply for and secure tax credit and other financing necessary to construct the final phase of Savannah Gardens apartments; and

WHEREAS, the City and Mercy Housing desire to enter into a development agreement that will facilitate the coordination, continuity and timing associated with the installation of infrastructure, both public and private, by a single contractor hired by Mercy Housing and acceptable to the City; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the development agreement the City will reimburse Mercy Housing up to \$1.75 million for the installation of public infrastructure in accordance with plans, specifications and cost estimates prepared by the City’s engineering consultant; and

WHEREAS, the development agreement will enable the City and its engineering consultant to inspect and approve work performed prior to reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the development agreement will stipulate that Mercy Housing’s contractor shall meet City requirements pertaining to non-discrimination, equal employment opportunity, subcontracts, and opportunities for project area residents, including the established 20% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 10% local DBE goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah authorize the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with MHSE 16 Savannah Gardens 6 L.P. as described herein.

Adopted this 24th day of October 2019.

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council