

RESOLUTION NO. R 018 20

**RESOLUTION GRANTING THE CITY OF SEAFORD FUNDING FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN SUSSEX BUSINESS CAMPUS**

WHEREAS, Sussex County Council supports economic development that brings new jobs to Sussex County, Delaware;

WHEREAS, the City of Seaford, Delaware is an incorporated city in Sussex County, Delaware;

WHEREAS, the City of Seaford, Delaware has shown its support for economic development in its own city by purchasing and planning for the construction of a business park on approximately 100 acres owned by Seaford with existing infrastructure available;

WHEREAS, Strategy 9.2.2.3 of the 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan calls for the exploration of public-private partnerships for the development of additional industrial parks within the County;

WHEREAS, the County Council supports the development of a business park on the western side of the County and has allocated over \$1,000,000 in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget for the same;

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware and the General Assembly has shown its support for economic development in Sussex County by providing \$350,000 to this business park expansion;

WHEREAS, this funding directly supports City infrastructure improvements that will bring new jobs, increased property values, and direct and indirect economic effects to Sussex County;

WHEREAS, the City of Seaford is finalizing a contract with a private developer for the purchase of the business park property for the purposes of constructing a 50,000 square foot commercial building estimated to cost between \$4.0 - \$5.0 million in the first 18-months after contract approval; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seaford will administer the construction contract for the business park expansion and Sussex County will reimburse the City for invoiced expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, \ BE IT RESOLVED, that Sussex County Council hereby authorizes the Sussex County Finance Department to reimburse the City of Seaford for the Phase 1A construction of the Western Sussex Business Campus in the amount not to exceed \$1,889,291, which will be spent over multiple fiscal years.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. R 018 20 ADOPTED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

**ROBIN A. GRIFFITH
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**