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NOTICE TO PUBLIC SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Town of Aberdeen Mayor and Board of Commissioners have scheduled a Special Called Meeting on Friday, January 2, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Robert N. Page Municipal Building located at 115 N. Poplar Street, Aberdeen, NC. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

- Consider approval of Resolution to submit the Building Reuse and Restoration Grant Application to the N.C. Rural Economic Development Division on behalf of Reliance Packaging, LLC.
- Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to preserve the attorney-client privilege to discuss *Quality Built Homes, Inc. v. Town of Aberdeen*.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES OR IMPAIRMENTS WILL BE MADE UPON REQUEST TO THE EXTENT THAT REASONABLE NOTICE IS GIVEN TO THE TOWN OF ABERDEEN

MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Daniel Martin, Community/Downtown Development Planner
THROUGH: Pam Graham, Planning Director
ITEM: Building Reuse and Restoration Grant Application | Reliance Packaging, LLC
DATE: January 2nd, 2015

GENERAL INFORMATION

Background: On behalf of Reliance Packaging, LLC, the town is proposing to submit a Building Reuse and Restoration grant application to the N.C. Rural Economic Development Division for \$40,000. Reliance Packaging, LLC has partnered with Sigma Plastics Group, the largest privately held film manufacturer in North America. Reliance specializes in the following: 1) extruding film, 2) printing film, and 3) converting film. The extrusion process uses materials (pellets) in the extrusion, a process to create the film for bags. The printing process uses a water-based printing solution on the film and the final process converts the film, which cuts the bags into the finished product.

Again, the town will be requesting \$40,000 (no more than 50% of the total project cost as part of grant requirements) which will be used to make necessary repairs to the structure in an effort to increase operational activity. Construction/renovation activities include the following: repairs to damaged and clogged drain lines in connector area, raising dock height by 4 inches, and reconditioning roof of older structure.

Under program requirements this type of grant is available only to those businesses that have been established for more than 12 months. Reliance Packaging, LLC does not meet this requirement; as a result the town will be requesting that the state waive this obligation and accept/award this project. Moore County’s Partners in Progress have generated a letter requesting this waiver and will be submitted concurrent with the application which is due on January 7th by 5:00 PM.

The company currently has 11 employees (1 part-time and 10 full-time) and is committed to hiring an additional 8 full-time employees as part of the grant requirements.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board adopt this resolution to submit the Building Reuse and Restoration grant application to the N.C. Rural Economic Development Division on behalf of Reliance Packaging, LLC.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
RELIANCE PACKAGING PROJECT
Building Reuse & Restoration Grant – Existing Business Building Category**

WHEREAS, Reliance Packaging LLC (“project company”), a manufacturer of plastic packaging products, is a new joint venture between Reliance Plastics USA of Orlando, FL and Sigma Plastics Group of Lyndhurst, NJ, two companies with well-established track records of growth and success; and

WHEREAS, Reliance has located at 155 Anderson Street, Aberdeen, Moore County, a 45,000 square-foot facility (“project building”) that is in need of repairs and renovations to accommodate Reliance’s operations; and

WHEREAS, Reliance has committed to creating a minimum of 8 new, full-time jobs within the first two (2) years of operations at its Aberdeen location and to maintaining these new jobs for at least six (6) consecutive months; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Aberdeen desires to support new and existing industries and their efforts to grow and thrive because such efforts result in new job creation for the Town’s citizens and capital investment that increases the Town’s tax base; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Aberdeen supports Reliance’s location in the project building and is applying for a grant through the N.C. Department of Commerce’s Building Reuse & Restoration Grant Program – Existing Business Building Category in the amount of \$40,000 on behalf of the project company to assist with the costs of repairing the project building; and

WHEREAS, If the grant is awarded, the Town agrees to provide a cash match of five percent (5%) of the grant amount requested, or \$2,000, toward the renovation project, as required by the Building Reuse & Restoration Grant Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for the mutual benefit of the Town and Reliance Packaging, LLC, the Town of Aberdeen Board of Commissioners endorses the Reliance Packaging Project as demonstrated through its application for a Building Reuse & Restoration Grant in the amount of \$40,000 for this project.

Adopted and approved this _____ day of January, 2015, on behalf of the Town of Aberdeen Board of Commissioners.

Robert A. Farrell, Mayor

ATTEST

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