## R2022-35: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PIN 44401040009 LOCATED IN 1 THE OCEANFRONT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA 2

Applicant/Purpose: Staff / authorize staff to complete acquisition of a parcel within the downtown core.

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## **Brief:**

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- o PIN #: 444010400009, 702 North Kings Hwy
- Through the adoption of the Pavilion Area Master Plan in 1999, the Tax Increment Financing District in 2008, and the Downtown Master Plan in 2019, City Council has committed to restore the downtown to a prominent commercial district.
- Property acquisition and assemblage is necessary to create meaningful redevelopment in this area.
- The City continues to invest in redevelopment efforts and infrastructure upgrades in these areas.
- The referenced properties are within the TIF district, and are strategically located for future redevelopment.
- To restore downtown to the prominent commercial district, the acquisition is necessary.
- These parcels are located within the TIF district and represents the most critical redevelopment opportunity in the city.
- Public Notification: Normal meeting notification.

Alternatives: Do not purchase the property.

- Financial Impact: The City will acquire this parcel for a total price of \$1,750,000.
- Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval.
- Attachment(s): Proposed resolution, purchase and sale agreement.

CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH COUNTY OF HORRY STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PIN 44401040009 LOCATED IN THE OCEANFRONT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

WHEREAS, Myrtle Beach's Oceanfront Redevelopment Project Area, generally described as the areas east and west of Kings Highway from 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. to 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue N., once was the thriving center of commerce in the City; and

WHEREAS, this central business district, including the oceanfront, once served as the City of Myrtle Beach's original commercial hub and the primary tourism amusement area for the entire Grand Strand; and

WHEREAS, through the adoption of Ordinance 2008-78, enacted October 21, 2008, City Council approved a redevelopment plan entitled "Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Oceanfront Redevelopment Project Area" (hereinafter "Oceanfront Redevelopment Project"); and

WHEREAS, over time, this downtown area experienced a loss of business relative to other parts of the community, as new residential and commercial areas developed elsewhere, and some of the structures in the central downtown area deteriorated through lack of use and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, this lack of new business activity, pedestrian traffic and residential involvement in the downtown area created a stagnant appearance, with resulting concerns about prospects for redevelopment and the overall image that such a primary gateway into Myrtle Beach should project; and

WHEREAS, while many elements of the Pavilion Area Master Plan have been accomplished, the conditions described above in the immediate downtown area have combined to result in an environment which deters interest in new private development; and

WHEREAS, City Council previously confirmed its commitment to restore the downtown and the central oceanfront amusement area to a prominent commercial role, as well as to enhance its character as a significant gateway into the city and a prime location for tourism, entertainment, culture, arts and innovation; and

WHEREAS, through the adoption of Resolution 2019-20, enacted March 12, 2019, City Council adopted the Downtown Master Plan and the Downtown Master Plan Implementation Plan to facilitate redevelopment, increase business activity, and to serve as the general blueprint for future revitalization and redevelopment of the area traditionally known as "Downtown Myrtle Beach"; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2020-37, City Council adopted the Advanced Master Plan of the Downtown Master Plan to further the plan and vision of creating a resilient, adaptive, sustainable and innovative district; and

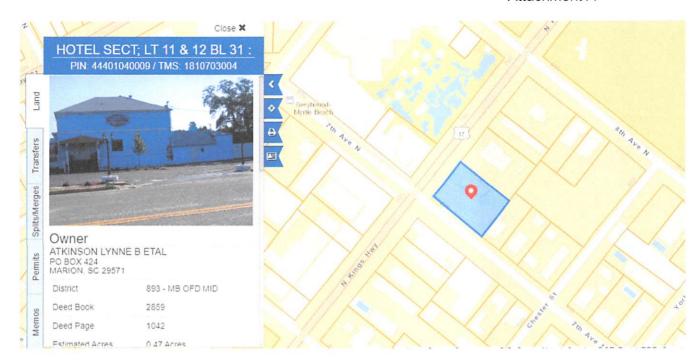
WHEREAS, property acquisition within the Downtown Master Plan area is necessary to meet the overall redevelopment and revitalization goals; and

1 2 3 4 5 6	WHEREAS, South Carolina law authorizes municipalities to take actions not inconsistent with the Constitution and general laws of this State, regarding any subject the municipality finds necessary and proper for the security, general welfare and convenience of the municipality. Specifically, municipalities are authorized to own and possess property; and
7 8 9 10	WHEREAS, the City of Myrtle Beach recognizes the need to acquire real property within the Downtown Master Plan area and that the acquisition is necessary and proper for the general welfare and convenience of the municipality, and furthers the overarching commitment to restore this district as the prominent commercial district in Myrtle Beach.
12	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:
13 14	The above recitals are adopted and incorporated into this Resolution.
15 16 17 18	It is necessary and desirable and in the public's interest and welfare to acquire the following properties within the Oceanfront Redevelopment District:
19 20 21	LOTS 11 & 12 BL31, 702 NORTH KINGS HWY., (TMS: 181-07-03-004, PIN: 44401040009)
22	The properties to be acquired are shown in Exhibit A.
23 24 25 26	The purchase of the real property for a negotiated price of \$1,750,000 is hereby approved.
27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34	The City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, the City Attorney and the City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City, are fully empowered and authorized to take such further action and to execute and deliver such additional documents as may be necessary to effectuate the acquisition and transfer and the action of such officers consistent herewith is hereby fully authorized. All actions taken in the name of or on behalf of the City in connection with the property acquisition prior to the effective date of this Resolution are expressly ratified and confirmed.
35 36 37	SIGNED, SEALED and DATED, this 13 <sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.
38 39	BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR
40 41	ATTEST:

JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK

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## Attachment A



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