

**A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION designating an "Economic Revitalization Area" under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 for property commonly known as 5510 Flaugh Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46818 (Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC)**

**WHEREAS**, Petitioner has duly filed its petition dated February 24, 2021 to have the following described property designated and declared an "Economic Revitalization Area" under Sections 153.13-153.24 of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and I.C. 6-1.1-12.1, to wit:

Attached hereto as "Exhibit A" as if a part herein;  
and

**WHEREAS**, said project will create 1,000 full-time, permanent jobs for a total additional annual payroll of \$30,000,000, with the average additional, annual job salary being \$30,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the total estimated project cost is \$100,000,00,000; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears the said petition should be processed to final determination in accordance with the provisions of said Division 6.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:**

**SECTION 1.** That, subject to the requirements of Section 6, below, the property hereinabove described is hereby designated and declared an "Economic Revitalization Area" under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1. Said designation shall begin upon the effective date of the Confirming Resolution referred to in Section 6 of this Resolution and shall terminate on December 31, 2021, unless otherwise automatically extended in five year increments per I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-9.

**SECTION 2.** That, upon adoption of the Resolution:

- (a) Said Resolution shall be filed with the Allen County Assessor;
- (b) Said Resolution shall be referred to the Committee on Finance requesting a recommendation from said committee concerning the advisability of designating the above area an "Economic Revitalization Area";
- (c) Common Council shall publish notice in accordance with I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-2.5 and I.C. 5-3-1 of the adoption and substance of this resolution and setting this designation as an "Economic Revitalization Area" for public hearing.

**SECTION 3.** That, said designation of the hereinabove described property as an "Economic Revitalization Area" shall apply to a deduction of the assessed value of real estate improvements to be made between April 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022.

**SECTION 4.** That, the estimate of the number of individuals that will be employed or whose employment will be retained and the estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals and the estimate of the value of redevelopment or rehabilitation, all contained in Petitioner's

Statement of Benefits, are reasonable and are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation.

**SECTION 5.** That, the current year approximate tax rates for taxing units within the City would be:

- (a) If the proposed development does not occur, the approximate current year tax rates for this site would be \$3.2510/\$100.
- (b) If the proposed development does occur and no deduction is granted, the approximate current year tax rate for the site would be \$3.2510/\$100 (the change would be negligible).
- (c) If the proposed development occurs and a deduction percentage of fifty percent (50%) is assumed, the approximate current year tax rate for the site would be \$3.2510/\$100 (the change would be negligible).

**SECTION 6.** That, this Resolution shall be subject to being confirmed, modified and confirmed, or rescinded after public hearing and receipt by Common Council of the above described recommendations and resolution, if applicable.

**SECTION 7.** That, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1, it is hereby determined that the deduction from the assessed value of the real property shall be for a period of five years.

**SECTION 8.** The deduction schedule from the assessed value of the real property pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-17 shall look like this:

Year of Deduction	Percentage
1	100%
2	95%
3	80%
4	65%
5	50%
6	40%
7	30%
8	20%
9	10%
10	5%
11	0%

**SECTION 9.** That, the benefits described in the Petitioner's Statement of Benefits can be reasonably expected to result from the project and are sufficient to justify the applicable deductions.

**SECTION 10.** That, the taxpayer is non-delinquent on any and all property tax due to jurisdictions within Allen County, Indiana.

**SECTION 11.** That, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-12 et al, any property owner that has received a deduction under section 3 or 4.5 of this chapter may be required to repay the deduction amount as determined by the county auditor in accordance with section 12 of said chapter if the property owner ceases operations at the facility for which the deduction was granted and if the Common Council finds that the property owner obtained the deduction by

1 intentionally providing false information concerning the property owner's plans to continue  
2 operation at the facility.

3 **SECTION 12.** That, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its  
4 passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

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6 Member of Council

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8 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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DIGEST SHEET

TITLE OF ORDINANCE: **Declaratory Resolution**

DEPARTMENT REQUESTING ORDINANCE: **Community Development Division**

SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCE: **Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC is requesting the designation of an Economic Revitalization Area for eligible real property improvements. Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC will construct a 634,000 square foot distribution facility.**

EFFECT OF PASSAGE: **Investment of \$100,000,000 and the creation of 1,000 new full-time permanent jobs with a total annual payroll of \$30,000,000.**

EFFECT OF NON-PASSAGE: **Potential loss of investment and the creation of 1,000 new full-time permanent jobs with a total annual payroll of \$30,000,000.**

MONEY INVOLVED (DIRECT COSTS, EXPENDITURES, SAVINGS): **No expenditures of public funds required.**

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE (PRESIDENT): **Jason Arp and Glynn Hines**



# MEMORANDUM



**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Carman Young, Economic Development Specialist

**DATE:** March 2, 2021

**RE:** Request for designation by Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC as an ERA for real property improvements.

## BACKGROUND

PROJECT ADDRESS:	5510 Flaugh Road	PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN:	N/A
PROJECT COST:	\$100,000,000	COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT:	3

COMPANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE:	Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC is a real estate developer.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC will construct a 634,000 square foot distribution facility.

CREATED		RETAINED	
JOBS CREATED (FULL-TIME):	1,000	JOBS RETAINED (FULL-TIME):	0
JOBS CREATED (PART-TIME):	0	JOBS RETAINED (PART-TIME):	0
TOTAL NEW PAYROLL:	\$30,000,000	TOTAL RETAINED PAYROLL:	0
AVERAGE SALARY (FULL-TIME NEW):	\$30,000	AVERAGE SALARY (FULL-TIME RETAINED):	0

## COMMUNITY BENEFIT REVIEW

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Project will encourage vacant or under-utilized land appropriate for commercial or industrial use?

**Explain:** The parcel of land to be designated is currently vacant and undeveloped.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Real estate to be designated is consistent with land use policies of the City of Fort Wayne?

**Explain:** Property to be designated is zoned I1/Limited Industrial and BTI/Business, Technology and Industrial. Use of this property is consistent with the land use policies of the City of Fort Wayne.

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Project encourages the improvement or replacement of a deteriorated or obsolete structure?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Project encourages the improvement or replacement of obsolete manufacturing and/or research and development and/or information technology and/or logistical distribution equipment?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Project will result in significant conversion of solid waste or hazardous waste into energy or other useful products?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Project encourages preservation of a historically or architecturally significant structure?

Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐

Construction will result in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council?

Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐

Construction will use techniques to minimize impact on combined sewer overflows? (i.e. rain gardens, bio swales, etc.)

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

ERA designation induces employment opportunities for Fort Wayne area residents?

**Explain: 1,000 new full-time positions will be created with a total annual payroll of \$30,000,000.**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Taxpayer is NOT delinquent on any or all property tax due to any taxing jurisdiction within Allen County.

### POLICY

Per the policy of the City of Fort Wayne, the following guidelines apply to this project:


1. The period of deduction for real property improvements is ten years.

Under Fort Wayne Common Council's tax abatement policies and procedures, Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC is eligible for a recommended ten year deduction on real property improvements. Attached is a calculation of property taxes saved/paid with the deduction.

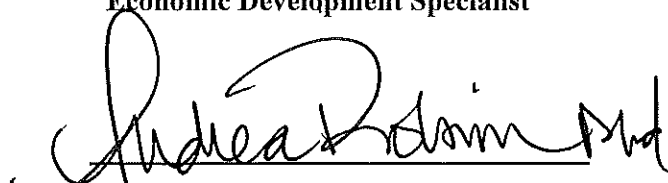
### PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PHASE-INS

Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC has not previously applied, or been approved, for a tax phase-in.

Signed:

  
Economic Development Specialist

Reviewed:

  
Economic Development Administration

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

# FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION TAX ABATEMENT - ESTIMATE OF SAVINGS

\*New tax abatement percentages have been changed to reflect change in state law

## Project Mastodon Real Property

### REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT - 10 yr Schedule

Year	Cash Value	True Tax Value	Assessed Value	Abatement %	Tax Tax Paid %	Deduction	Taxable AV	Tax Rate	Tax Paid	Tax Saved
1	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	100%	0%	\$100,000,000	\$0	0.032510	\$0	\$3,251,000
2	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	95%	5%	\$95,000,000	\$5,000,000	0.032510	\$162,550	\$3,088,450
3	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	80%	20%	\$80,000,000	\$20,000,000	0.032510	\$650,200	\$2,600,800
4	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	65%	35%	\$65,000,000	\$35,000,000	0.032510	\$1,137,850	\$2,113,150
5	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	50%	50%	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	0.032510	\$1,625,500	\$1,625,500
6	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	40%	60%	\$40,000,000	\$60,000,000	0.032510	\$1,950,600	\$1,300,400
7	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	30%	70%	\$30,000,000	\$70,000,000	0.032510	\$2,275,700	\$975,300
8	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	20%	80%	\$20,000,000	\$80,000,000	0.032510	\$2,600,800	\$650,200
9	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	10%	90%	\$10,000,000	\$90,000,000	0.032510	\$2,925,900	\$325,100
10	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	5%	95%	\$5,000,000	\$95,000,000	0.032510	\$3,088,450	\$162,550
11	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	0%	100%	\$0	\$100,000,000	0.032510	\$3,251,000	\$0
TOTAL TAX SAVED REAL PROPERTY (10 yrs on 10 yr deduction)										<u>\$16,092,450</u>
TOTAL TAX PAID REAL PROPERTY (10yrs on 10 yr deduction)										<u>\$19,668,550</u>

NOTE: Above calculations assume a constant tax rate over the abatement period. Time value of money is not considered.

## Real Property Abatements

Tax Abatement Review System

Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC

Points Possible	Points Awarded
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### INVESTMENT (30 points possible)

Total new investment in real property (new structures and/or rehabilitation)

Over \$1,000,000	10	10
\$500,000 to \$999,999	8	
\$100,000 to \$499,999	6	
Under \$100,000	4	

Investment per employee (both jobs created and retained)

\$35,000 or more	10	10
\$18,500 to \$34,999	8	
\$6,250 to \$18,499	6	
\$1,250 to \$6,249	4	
less than \$1,249	2	

Estimated local income taxes generated from jobs retained

\$80,000 or more	5	
\$30,000 to \$79,999	4	
\$10,000 to \$29,999	3	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2	
less than \$5,000	1	

Estimated local income taxes generated from jobs created

(Double points for start-up)

\$30,000 or more	5	10
\$10,000 to \$29,999	4	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3	
\$3,000 to \$4,999	2	
less than \$3,000	1	

### ECONOMIC BASE (20 points possible)

Location Quotient in designated Occupation Code

(use majority Occupation Code of all created and retained jobs)

Greater than 1.0	5	
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Estimated Percent of Business done outside

Allen County

Greater than 75%	15	15
50% to 74%	10	
25% to 49%	5	

### JOBS (20 points possible)

Total number of permanent jobs retained

Over 250	10	
100 to 249	8	
50 to 99	6	
25 to 49	4	
10 to 24	2	
1 to 9	1	

Total number of permanent jobs created (Double for start-up)

Over 100	10	20
50-99	8	
25-49	6	
10-24	4	
1 to 9	2	

### WAGES (20 points possible)

Median salary of the jobs created and/or retained

Over \$47,999	20	
\$43,000 to \$47,999	16	
\$38,000 to \$42,999	12	
\$33,000 to \$37,999	8	
\$28,000 to \$32,999	4	4
under \$28,000	0	



**BENEFITS (10 points possible)**

Major Medical Plan	7	7
Pension, Tuition Reimbursement, Life Insurance, Dental Insurance,		
Disability Insurance,	3	3

**SUSTAINABILITY**

Construction uses green building techniques (ie LEED Certification)	5
Construction uses techniques to minimize impact on Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)	5

<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>
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**Length of Abatement**

20 to 39 points - 3 year abatement  
40 to 59 points - 5 year abatement  
60 to 69 points - 7 year abatement  
70 to 100 points - 10 year abatement

Five year phase-in

\* If average annual salary of the full-time jobs created by listed occupation is 10% or greater than the current average salary for Allen County and is eligible for a 7 or 10 year abatement, then the applicant is eligible for an alternate deduction schedule.

Real Property Deduction Schedules	Alternative Deduction/Real Property Schedules
<b>10 year</b>	<b>10 Year</b>
Year 1: 100%	Year 1: 100%
Year 2: 95%	Year 2: 100%
Year 3: 80%	Year 3: 100%
Year 4: 65%	Year 4: 100%
Year 5: 50%	Year 5: 100%
Year 6: 40%	Year 6: 90%
Year 7: 30%	Year 7: 80%
Year 8: 20%	Year 8: 65%
Year 9: 10%	Year 9: 50%
Year 10: 5%	Year 10: 40%
Year 11: 0%	
<b>7 year</b>	<b>7 Year</b>
Year 1: 100%	Year 1: 100%
Year 2: 85%	Year 2: 100%
Year 3: 71%	Year 3: 100%
Year 4: 57%	Year 4: 100%
Year 5: 43%	Year 5: 100%
Year 6: 29%	Year 6: 71%
Year 7: 14%	Year 7: 43%
Year 8: 0%	
<b>5 year</b>	
Year 1: 100%	
Year 2: 80%	
Year 3: 60%	
Year 4: 40%	
Year 5: 20%	
Year 6: 0%	
<b>3 year</b>	
Year 1: 100%	
Year 2: 66%	
Year 3: 33%	
Year 4: 0%	

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA APPLICATION  
CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**

APPLICATION IS FOR: (Check appropriate box(es))

☒ Real Estate Improvements

☐ Personal Property Improvements

☐ Vacant Commercial or Industrial Building

Total cost of real estate improvements:

\$100,000,000.00

Total cost of manufacturing equipment improvements:

Total cost of research and development equipment improvements:

Total cost of logistical distribution equipment improvements:

Total cost of information technology equipment improvements:

TOTAL OF ABOVE IMPROVEMENTS:

\$100,000,000.00

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Real property taxpayer's name: Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC

Personal property taxpayer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address listed on tax bill: Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46818

Name of company to be designated, if applicable: Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC

Year company was established: 2021

Address of property to be designated: 5510 Flaugh Road

Real estate property identification number: 02-07-19-100-001.000-073

Contact person name: Scott Sanders

Contact person telephone number: 317.443.3674

Contact email: ssanders@ambrosepg.com

Contact person address: 8888 Keystone Crossing, Suite 1150, Indianapolis, IN 46240

List company officer and/or principal operating personnel

NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
James Hennessey	Manager & CFO	125 S Wacker Dr, Ste 1220, Chicago, IL 60606	312-741-1819

List all persons or firms having ownership interest in the applicant business and the percentage each holds:

NAME	PERCENTAGE
TBD	

☐ Yes ☒ No Are any elected officials shareholders or holders of any debt obligation of the applicant or operating business? If yes, who? (name/title) \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Yes ☐ No Is the property for which you are requesting ERA designation totally within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Wayne?

☒ Yes ☐ No Do you plan to request state or local assistance to finance public improvements?

☐ Yes ☒ No Is the property for which you are requesting ERA designation located in an Economic Development Target Area (EDTA)? (see attached map for current areas)

☐ Yes ☐ No Does the company's business include a retail component? If yes, answer the following questions:  
 TBD What percentage of floor space will be utilized for retail activities? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What percentage of sales is made to the ultimate customer? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What percentage of sales will be from service calls? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the percentage of clients/customers served that are located outside of Allen County? 85%

What is the company's primary North American Industrial Classification Code (NAICs)? 531120

Describe the nature of the company's business, product, and/or service: Real Estate Development

Dollar amount of annual sales for the last three years:

Year	Annual Sales
TBD	

List the company's three largest customers, their locations and amount of annual gross sales:

Customer Name	City/State	Annual Gross Sales
TBD		

List the company's three largest material suppliers, their locations and amount of annual purchases:

Supplier Name	City/State	Annual Gross Purchases
TBD		

List the company's top three competitors:

Competitor Name	City/State
TBD	

Describe the product or service to be produced or offered at the project site: 634,000 SF Distribution Facility

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In order to be considered an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA), the area must be within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Wayne and must have become undesirable for, or impossible of, normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, deterioration of improvements or character of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings, or other factors which have impaired values or prevent a normal development of property or use of property. It also includes any area where a facility or group of facilities that are technologically, economically, or energy obsolete is located and where the obsolescence may lead to a decline in employment and tax revenues.

How does the property for which you are requesting designation meet the above definition of an ERA?

The site is unimproved, and the City of Fort Wayne Department of Redevelopment targeted the site for industrial development years ago, but no development has occurred to date. Applicant is planning to acquire and develop the real estate which will revive the property from its current state of lack of development, cessation of growth and general deterioration.

<b>REAL PROPERTY INFORMATION</b>
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Complete this section of the application if you are requesting a deduction from assessed value for real property improvements.

Describe any structure(s) that is/are currently on the property: Undeveloped Property

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the condition of the structure(s) listed above: N/A

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Describe the improvements to be made to the property to be designated for tax phase-in purposes: \_\_\_\_\_

634,000 sf Distribution Facility

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\_\_\_\_\_

Projected construction start (month/year): April 2021

Projected construction completion (month/year): December 2022

☐ Yes ☒ No Will construction result in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council?

☐ Yes ☒ No Will construction use techniques to minimize impact on combined sewer overflows? (i.e. rain gardens, bio swales, etc.)

**This project will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and municipal statutes, regulations, ordinances and codes, including but not limited to all Indiana and Allen County Building Codes and the Allen County Zoning Ordinance.**

**Adherence to all applicable federal, state, and municipal statutes, regulations, ordinances and codes will be maintained throughout all design, permitting, contractor licensure, and construction phases of the Property owner's project. Said adherence shall be attested to on the initial tax phase-in application and each annual Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form.**

## PERSONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

Complete this section of the application if you are requesting a deduction from assessed value of new manufacturing, research and development, logistical distribution or information technology equipment.

List below the equipment for which you are seeking an economic revitalization area designation.

Manufacturing equipment must be used in the direct production, manufacture, fabrication, assembly, extraction, mining, processing, refining, or finishing of other tangible personal property at the site to be designated. Research and development equipment consists of laboratory equipment, research and development equipment, computers and computer software, telecommunications equipment or testing equipment used in research and development activities devoted directly and exclusively to experimental or laboratory research and development for new products, new uses of existing products, or improving or testing existing products at the site to be designated. Logistical distribution equipment consists of racking equipment, scanning or coding equipment, separators, conveyors, fork lifts or lifting equipment, transitional moving equipment, packaging equipment, sorting and picking equipment, software for technology used in logistical distribution, is used for the storage or distribution of goods, services, or information. Information technology equipment consists of equipment, including software used in the fields of information processing, office automation, telecommunication facilities and networks, informatics, network administration, software development and fiber optics: (use additional sheets, if necessary)

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☐ Yes ☐ No Has the above equipment for which you are seeking a designation, ever before been used for any purpose in Indiana? If yes, was the equipment acquired at an arms length transaction from an entity not affiliated with the applicant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No Will the equipment be leased?

Date first piece of equipment will be purchased (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Date last piece of equipment will be installed (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the depreciation schedule term for equipment under consideration for personal property tax phase-in:

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<b>ELIGIBLE VACANT BUILDING INFORMATION</b>
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Complete this section of the application if you are requesting a deduction from the current assessed value of a vacant building

☐ Yes ☐ No Has the building for which you are seeking designation for tax phase-in been unoccupied for at least one year? Please provide evidence of occupation. (i.e. certificate of occupancy, paid utility receipts, executed lease agreements)

What year was the structure built? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any structure(s) that is/are currently on the property: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the condition of the structure(s) listed above: \_\_\_\_\_

Projected occupancy date (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the efforts of the owner or previous owner in regards to selling, leasing or renting the eligible vacant building during the period the eligible vacant building was unoccupied including how much the building was offered for sale, lease, or rent by the owner or a previous owner during the period the eligible vacant building was unoccupied.

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**This project will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and municipal statutes, regulations, ordinances and codes, including but not limited to all Indiana and Allen County Building Codes and the Allen County Zoning Ordinance. Adherence to all applicable federal, state, and municipal statutes, regulations, ordinances and codes will be maintained throughout all design, permitting, contractor licensure, and construction phases of the Property owner's project. Said adherence shall be attested to on the initial tax phase-in application and each annual Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form.**

## PUBLIC BENEFIT INFORMATION

### *EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION FOR FACILITY TO BE DESIGNATED*

#### ESTIMATE OF EMPLOYEES AND PAYROLL FOR FORT WAYNE FACILITY REQUESTING ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA DESIGNATION

Please be specific on job descriptions. When listing the occupation codes, please avoid using the "Major Occupational Groupings" (i.e. 11-000, 13-000, 15-000, etc.) which are more general in nature. Instead, use specific occupation codes (i.e. 11-1021, 13-1081, 15-2041 etc) for each created and retained job. To fill out information on occupation and occupation code, use data available through Occupation Employment Statistics for Fort Wayne [http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_23060.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_23060.htm)

Any information concerning the cost of the property and specific salaries paid to individual employees is confidential per Indiana Code (I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-5.1)

#### Current Full-Time Employment

Occupation	Occupation Code	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll

#### Retained Full-Time Employment

Occupation	Occupation Code	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll

#### Additional Full-Time Employment

Occupation	Occupation Code	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>\$15.00/hr minimum x 2000 hr = \$30M total annual payroll</p> </div>
		1000	\$30,000,000	

<b>PUBLIC BENEFIT INFORMATION</b>
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**Current Part-Time or Temporary Jobs**

Occupation	Occupation Code	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll

**Retained Part-Time or Temporary Jobs**

Occupation	Occupation Code	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll

**Additional Part-Time or Temporary Jobs**

Occupation	Occupation Code	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll

Check the boxes below if the existing jobs and the jobs to be created will provide the listed benefits:

☐ Pension Plan☒ Major Medical Plan☒ Disability Insurance☒ Tuition Reimbursement☒ Life Insurance☒ Dental Insurance

List any benefits not mentioned above: 401k

When will you reach the levels of employment shown above? (month/year): December 2024

## REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

The following must be attached to the application.

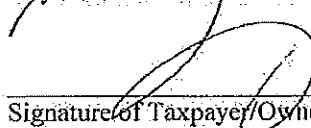
1. **Statement of Benefits Form(s) (first page/front side completed)**
2. **Full legal description of property and a plat map identifying the property boundaries. (Property tax bill legal descriptions are not sufficient.) Should be marked as Exhibit A.**
3. **Check for non-refundable application fee made payable to the City of Fort Wayne.**

ERA filing fee (either real or personal property improvements)	.1% of total project cost not to exceed \$1,000
ERA filing fee (both real and personal property improvements)	.1% of total project cost not to exceed \$1,500
ERA filing fee (vacant commercial or industrial building)	\$500
ERA filing fee in an EDTA	\$200
Amendment to extend designation period	\$300
Waiver of non-compliance with ERA filing	\$1,000 + ERA filing fee
4. **Owner's Certificate (if applicant is not the owner of property to be designated)  
Should be marked as Exhibit B if applicable.**

## CERTIFICATION

I, as the legal taxpayer and/or owner, hereby certify that all information and representations made on this application and its attached exhibits are true and complete and that no Improvement Location Permit or Structural Permit have been filed for construction of improvements, the occupation of the vacant building has not taken place and no manufacturing, research and development, logistical distribution or information technology equipment which is a part of this application been purchased and installed as of the date of filing of this application. I also certify that the taxpayer is not delinquent on any and all property tax due to taxing jurisdictions within Allen County, Indiana. I understand that any incorrect information on this application may result in a rescission of any tax phase-ins which I may receive.

I understand that I must file a correctly completed Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form (CF-1/Real Property for real property improvements, CF-1/PP for personal property improvements, and CF-1/VBD for vacant building deduction) and the Public Benefit Annual Update with the City of Fort Wayne Community Development Division in each year in which I receive a deduction. Further the CF-1/PP form must be filed with the county assessor and the CF-1/Real Property and CF-1/VBD must be filed with the county auditor. Failure to file the CF-1 form with these agencies may result in a rescission of any tax phase-in occurring as a result of this application.

  
Signature of Taxpayer/Owner

James Hennessey - Manager & CFO of Taxpayer

Printed Name and Title of Applicant

02/23/2021

Date

Return completed application to Community Development staff at 200 E. Berry Street Suite 320 Fort Wayne, IN 46802

# EXHIBIT A

## Legal Description

The North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the fractional Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, in Allen County, Indiana; ALSO the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ , except the North 315 feet of the East 100 feet of Section 19, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, in Allen County, Indiana; ALSO the South  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the fractional North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 19, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, except therefrom that part lying South of the North right of way line of highway, and except therefrom the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ , in Allen County, Indiana.

### EXCEPTING THEREFROM: (Doc. No. 990000445)

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, in Allen County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 19; thence North 89 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds West, on the North line of said Northeast Quarter 1326.80 feet to the Northeast corner of real estate described in Document 88-41390 as found in the Office of the Recorder of Allen County, Indiana, said corner also being the Northwest corner of Kruse Homestead Addition as recorded in Plat Record 25, page 144; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West (assumed bearing), on the West line of said Kruse Homestead Addition and on the East line of said real estate described in Document 88-41390, a distance of 315.00 feet to the Southeast corner thereof and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 85.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with the North line of said Northeast Quarter, 514.41 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with the West line of said Kruse Homestead Addition, 400.00 feet to the North line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East, on said North line, 414.41 feet to the Northwest corner of said real estate described in Document 88-41390; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, on the West line thereof, 315.00 feet to the Southwest corner thereof; thence South 89 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East, on the South line thereof, to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 4.00 acres, more or less.

### REDESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Part of the North half of, fractional Section 19, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, Allen County, Indiana, in particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commence at a stone found at the Northwest corner of fractional Section 19; thence South 89 degrees 19 minutes 16 seconds East (bearings based upon autonomous gps position) along the North line of the fractional Section 19, a distance of 776.39 feet to the South 50 foot right of way of a public road known as the Washington Center Road, as situated 50 feet radially distant South of the centerline thereof as established in accordance with construction plans for U.S. Highway No. 30 District 7 FA Project No. 66 dated 1935; thence Southeasterly along a circular curve to the left having a radius of 2341.83 feet, a distance of 498.38 feet, the chord of which bears South 83 degrees 18 minutes 23 seconds East to a point of tangent at plan station 1821+93.5; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 12 seconds East and continuing along said right of way, a distance of 970.40 feet to the West line of a 4.00 Acre sale off as recorded in Document Number 990000445; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 32 seconds East along the line aforesaid, a distance of 348.32 feet to the Southwest corner of said 4.00 Acres; thence South 89 degrees 21 minutes 50 seconds East along the South line of said 4.00 Acres, a distance of 514.41 feet to the West line of the plot of Kruse Homestead Addition as recorded in Plat Book 25, Page 144, said West line being also the East line of the West one half of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 19; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 32 seconds East along the lines aforesaid, a distance of 2047.16 feet to the North right of way of U.S Highway No. 30 a situated 100 feet normally distant North of the centerline as established by INDOT plans for Project 870 (13) 1959; thence North 89 degrees 09 minutes 37 seconds West along said right of way, parallel with and 100 feet normally distant North of said centerline, a distance of 784.55 feet to plan station 946+00; thence South 88 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds West and continuing along said right of way, a distance of 300.28 feet to plan station 943+00 as situated 87 feet normally distant North of said centerline; thence North 89 degrees 09 minutes 37 seconds West and continuing along said right of way, parallel with and 87 feet normally distant North of said centerline; a distance of 1609.00 feet to plan station 926+91; thence North 36 degrees 04 minutes 47 seconds West and continuing along said right of way, a distance of 116.50 feet to a point situated 30 feet East of the West line of the fractional Northwest Quarter of said Section 19; thence North 00 degrees 34 minutes 02 seconds East and parallel with the West line of the fractional Northwest Quarter, a distance of 35.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 58 seconds West, a distance of 30.00 feet to the West line of the fractional Northwest Quarter of said Section 19; thence North 00 degrees 34 minutes 02 seconds East along said West line as coincident with the centerline of a public road known as the Flaugh Road, a distance of 2322.62 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 149.6253 Acres of land, more or less.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Thomas C. Henry, Mayor

City of Fort Wayne  
Community Development  
200 East Berry Street, Suite 320  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

260 427-1127 [fwcommunitydevelopment.org](http://fwcommunitydevelopment.org)

March 2, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

As the current owner of parcel # 02-07-19-100-001.000-073, located at 5510 Flaugh Road, the City of Fort Wayne Department of Redevelopment is aware of, and supports, the Economic Revitalization Area/tax phase-in application for real property improvements being submitted by Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Leist".

Jonathan Leist  
Director  
Department of Redevelopment  
City of Fort Wayne

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## CITY OF FT. WAYNE

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STATEMENT OF BENEFITS  
REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS

State Form 51767 (R7 / 1-21)

Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This statement is being completed for real property that qualifies under the following Indiana Code (check one box):

- ☐ Redevelopment or rehabilitation of real estate improvements (IC 6-1.1-12.1-4)  
☐ Residentially distressed area (IC 6-1.1-12.1-4.1)

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This statement must be submitted to the body designating the Economic Revitalization Area prior to the public hearing if the designating body requires information from the applicant in making its decision about whether to designate an Economic Revitalization Area. Otherwise, this statement must be submitted to the designating body BEFORE the redevelopment or rehabilitation of real property for which the person wishes to claim a deduction.
2. The statement of benefits form must be submitted to the designating body and the area designated an economic revitalization area before the initiation of the redevelopment or rehabilitation for which the person desires to claim a deduction.
3. To obtain a deduction, a Form 322/RE must be filed with the county auditor before May 10 in the year in which the addition to assessed valuation is made or not later than thirty (30) days after the assessment notice is mailed to the property owner if it was mailed after April 10. A property owner who failed to file a deduction application within the prescribed deadline may file an application between January 1 and May 10 of a subsequent year.
4. A property owner who files for the deduction must provide the county auditor and designating body with a Form CF-1/Real Property. The Form CF-1/Real Property should be attached to the Form 322/RE when the deduction is first claimed and then updated annually for each year the deduction is applicable. IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.1(b)
5. For a Form SB-1/Real Property that is approved after June 30, 2013, the designating body is required to establish an abatement schedule for each deduction allowed. For a Form SB-1/Real Property that is approved prior to July 1, 2013, the abatement schedule approved by the designating body remains in effect. IC 6-1.1-12.1-17

20 ____ PAY 20 ____
FORM SB-1 / Real Property
PRIVACY NOTICE
Any information concerning the cost of the property and specific salaries paid to individual employees by the property owner is confidential per IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.1.

SECTION 1 TAXPAYER INFORMATION	
Name of taxpayer <b>Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC</b>	
Address of taxpayer (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) <b>125 South Whacker Drive, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60606</b>	
Name of contact person <b>Scott Sanders</b>	Telephone number <b>(317)-443-3674</b> E-mail address <b>SSANDERS@AMBROSEPG.COM</b>
SECTION 2 LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT	
Name of designating body <b>Common Council of City of Fort Wayne, Indiana</b>	
Location of property <b>5510 Flaugh Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana</b>	County <b>Allen</b>
Description of real property improvements, redevelopment, or rehabilitation (use additional sheets if necessary) <b>Approximately 634,000 square foot distribution facility</b>	
Resolution number <b>073</b>	
DLGF taxing district number <b>073</b>	
Estimated start date (month, day, year) <b>April 15, 2021</b>	
Estimated completion date (month, day, year) <b>December 1, 2022</b>	
SECTION 3 ESTIMATE OF EMPLOYEES AND SALARIES AS RESULT OF PROPOSED PROJECT	
Current Number <b>0.00</b>	Salaries <b>0.00</b>
Number Retained <b>0.00</b>	Salaries <b>0.00</b>
Number Additional <b>1,000</b>	Salaries <b>\$30 Million</b>
SECTION 4 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST AND VALUE OF PROPOSED PROJECT	
REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS	
COST	ASSESSED VALUE
Current values	
Plus estimated values of proposed project	100,000,000
Less values of any property being replaced	0.00
Net estimated values upon completion of project	100,000,000
SECTION 5 WASTE CONVERTED AND OTHER BENEFITS PROMISED BY THE TAXPAYER	
Estimated solid waste converted (pounds) _____	Estimated hazardous waste converted (pounds) _____
Other benefits	
SECTION 6 TAXPAYER CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify that the representations in this statement are true:	
Signature of authorized representative 	Date signed (month, day, year) <b>2/25/21</b>
Printed name of authorized representative <b>James Hennessey</b>	Title <b>Manager &amp; CFO of Taxpayer</b>

# FOR USE OF THE DESIGNATING BODY

We find that the applicant meets the general standards in the resolution adopted or to be adopted by this body. Said resolution, passed or to be passed under IC 6-1.1-12.1, provides for the following limitations:

A. The designated area has been limited to a period of time not to exceed        calendar years\* (see below). The date this designation expires is December 31, 2021. NOTE: This question addresses whether the resolution contains an expiration date for the designated area.

B. The type of deduction that is allowed in the designated area is limited to:  
 1. Redevelopment or rehabilitation of real estate improvements ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 2. Residentially distressed areas ☐ Yes ☒ No

C. The amount of the deduction applicable is limited to \$ unlimited

D. Other limitations or conditions (specify) N/A

E. Number of years allowed: ☐ Year 1 ☐ Year 2 ☐ Year 3 ☐ Year 4 ☐ Year 5 (\* see below)  
☐ Year 6 ☐ Year 7 ☐ Year 8 ☐ Year 9 ☒ Year 10

F. For a statement of benefits approved after June 30, 2013, did this designating body adopt an abatement schedule per IC 6-1.1-12.1-17?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, attach a copy of the abatement schedule to this form.

If no, the designating body is required to establish an abatement schedule before the deduction can be determined.

We have also reviewed the information contained in the statement of benefits and find that the estimates and expectations are reasonable and have determined that the totality of benefits is sufficient to justify the deduction described above.

Approved (signature and title of authorized member of designating body)	Telephone number (      )	Date signed (month, day, year)
Printed name of authorized member of designating body	Name of designating body	
Attested by (signature and title of attester)	Printed name of attester	

\* If the designating body limits the time period during which an area is an economic revitalization area, that limitation does not limit the length of time a taxpayer is entitled to receive a deduction to a number of years that is less than the number of years designated under IC 6-1.1-12.1-17.

A. For residentially distressed areas where the Form SB-1/Real Property was approved prior to July 1, 2013, the deductions established in IC 6-1.1-12.1-4.1 remain in effect. The deduction period may not exceed five (5) years. For a Form SB-1/Real Property that is approved after June 30, 2013, the designating body is required to establish an abatement schedule for each deduction allowed. Except as provided in IC 6-1.1-12.1-18, the deduction period may not exceed ten (10) years. (See IC 6-1.1-12.1-17 below.)

B. For the redevelopment or rehabilitation of real property where the Form SB-1/Real Property was approved prior to July 1, 2013, the abatement schedule approved by the designating body remains in effect. For a Form SB-1/Real Property that is approved after June 30, 2013, the designating body is required to establish an abatement schedule for each deduction allowed. (See IC 6-1.1-12.1-17 below.)

## IC 6-1.1-12.1-17

### Abatement schedules

Sec. 17. (a) A designating body may provide to a business that is established in or relocated to a revitalization area and that receives a deduction under section 4 or 4.5 of this chapter an abatement schedule based on the following factors:

- (1) The total amount of the taxpayer's investment in real and personal property.
- (2) The number of new full-time equivalent jobs created.
- (3) The average wage of the new employees compared to the state minimum wage.
- (4) The infrastructure requirements for the taxpayer's investment.

(b) This subsection applies to a statement of benefits approved after June 30, 2013. A designating body shall establish an abatement schedule for each deduction allowed under this chapter. An abatement schedule must specify the percentage amount of the deduction for each year of the deduction. Except as provided in IC 6-1.1-12.1-18, an abatement schedule may not exceed ten (10) years.

(c) An abatement schedule approved for a particular taxpayer before July 1, 2013, remains in effect until the abatement schedule expires under the terms of the resolution approving the taxpayer's statement of benefits.

**A CONFIRMING RESOLUTION designating an  
"Economic Revitalization Area" under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 for  
property commonly known as 5510 Flaugh Road Fort  
Wayne, Indiana 46818 (Project Mastodon Ft Wayne LLC)**

**WHEREAS**, Common Council has previously designated and declared by Declaratory Resolution the following described property as an "Economic Revitalization Area" under Sections 153.13-153.24 of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and I.C. 6-1.1-12.1, to wit:

**Attached hereto as "Exhibit A" as if a part herein; and**

**WHEREAS**, said project will create 1,000 full-time, permanent jobs for a total additional annual payroll of \$30,000,000, with the average additional, annual job salary being \$30,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the total estimated project cost is \$100,000,00,000; and

**WHEREAS**, a recommendation has been received from the Committee on Finance;  
and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the adoption and substance of said Resolution has been published in accordance with I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-2.5 and I.C. 5-3-1 and a public hearing has been conducted on said Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:**

**SECTION 1.** That, the Resolution previously designating the above described property as an "Economic Revitalization Area" is confirmed in all respects.

**SECTION 2.** That, the hereinabove described property is hereby declared an "Economic Revitalization Area" pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1, said designation to begin on the effective date of this Resolution and shall terminate on December 31, 2021, unless otherwise automatically extended in five year increments per I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-9.

**SECTION 3.** That, said designation of the hereinabove described property as an "Economic Revitalization Area" shall apply to a deduction of the assessed value of real estate improvements to be made between April 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022.

**SECTION 4.** That, the estimate of the number of individuals that will be employed or whose employment will be retained and the estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals and the estimate of the value of redevelopment or rehabilitation, all contained in Petitioner's Statement of Benefits are reasonable and are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation.

**SECTION 5.** The current year approximate tax rates for taxing units within the City would be:

- (a) If the proposed development does not occur, the approximate current year tax rates for this site would be \$3.2510/\$100.
- (b) If the proposed development occurs and no deduction is granted, the approximate current year tax rate for the site would be \$3.2510/\$100 (the change would be negligible).
- (c) If the proposed development occurs, and a deduction percentage of fifty percent (50%) is assumed, the approximate current year tax rate for the site would be \$3.2510/\$100 (the change would be negligible).

**SECTION 6.** Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1, it is hereby determined that the deduction from the assessed value of the real property shall be for a period of ten years.

**SECTION 7.** The deduction schedule from the assessed value of the real property pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-17 shall look like this:

Year of Deduction	Percentage
1	100%
2	95%
3	80%
4	65%
5	50%
6	40%
7	30%
8	20%
9	10%
10	5%
11	0%

**SECTION 8.** The benefits described in the Petitioner's Statement of Benefits can be reasonably expected to result from the project and are sufficient to justify the applicable deductions.

**SECTION 9.** For real property, a deduction application must contain a performance report showing the extent to which there has been compliance with the Statement of Benefits form approved by the Fort Wayne Common Council at the time of filing. This report must be submitted to the Allen County Auditor's Office, and the City of Fort Wayne's Community Development Division and must be included with the deduction application. For subsequent years, the performance report must be updated each year in which the deduction is applicable at the same time the property owner is required to file a personal property tax return in the taxing district in which the property for which the deduction was granted is located. If the taxpayer does not file a personal property tax return in the taxing district in which the property is located, the information must be provided by May 15.

**SECTION 10.** The performance report must contain the following information

- A. The cost and description of real property improvements.
- B. The number of employees hired through the end of the preceding calendar year as a result of the deduction.
- C. The total salaries of the employees hired through the end of the preceding calendar year as a result of the deduction.
- D. The total number of employees employed at the facility receiving the deduction.
- E. The total assessed value of the real property deductions.
- F. The tax savings resulting from the real property being abated.

**SECTION 11.** That, the taxpayer is non-delinquent on any and all property tax due to jurisdictions within Allen County, Indiana.

**SECTION 12.** That, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-12 et al, any property owner that has received a deduction under section 3 or 4.5 of this chapter may be required to repay the deduction amount as determined by the county auditor in accordance with section 12 of said chapter if the property owner ceases operations at the facility for which the deduction was granted and if the Common Council finds that the property owner obtained the deduction by intentionally providing false information concerning the property owner's plans to continue operation at the facility.

**SECTION 13.** That, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

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Member of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM A LEGALITY

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Carol Helton, City Attorney