

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-393**

5 A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS, AND  
6 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN  
7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT")  
8 BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE ("CITY") AND  
9 PROJECT ROTUNDA ("COMPANY"), TO SUPPORT THE  
10 EXPANSION OF COMPANY'S EXISTING MANUFACTURING  
11 FACILITY WITHIN THE CITY ("PROJECT");  
12 AUTHORIZING A TEN-YEAR RECAPTURE ENHANCED VALUE  
13 (REV) GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
14 \$1,100,000; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE  
15 EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS BY THE MAYOR, OR HER  
16 DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION SECRETARY;  
17 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS BY  
18 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC  
19 DEVELOPMENT ("OED"); PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY  
20 THE OED; PROVIDING A DEADLINE FOR THE COMPANY TO  
21 EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AFFIRMING THE PROJECT'S  
22 COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT POLICY  
23 ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 2024-286-E; REQUESTING TWO-  
24 READING PASSAGE PURSUANT TO COUNCIL RULE 3.305;  
25 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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27 **WHEREAS,** Section 288.075, Florida Statutes, allows certain  
28 confidentiality regarding economic development projects and Company  
29 has requested confidentiality in accordance with such law and the OED  
30 has approved the Project Rotunda job creation ("Project") and advised  
31 that the Economic Development Agreement in substantially the form

placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division ("Economic Development Agreement") is necessary to effectuate the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Project Rotunda ("Company"), a Targeted Industry Company, has committed to expanding its existing manufacturing facility in the City, with an anticipated capital investment of \$44,000,000, and has committed to retain 150 existing jobs, and create 120 new jobs with an average salary, exclusive of benefits, of \$60,000 by December 31, 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the Company has requested and the City has agreed to provide public investment in Project in the form of a 10-year, 50% REV Grant in the maximum amount of \$1,100,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the OED has reviewed the application submitted by the Company for community development and negotiated an Economic Development Agreement in substantially the form placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division (the "Agreement"). Accordingly, based upon the contents of the Agreement, it has been determined that the Agreement and the uses contemplated therein to be in the public interest, and that the public actions and financial assistance contemplated in the Agreement take into account and give consideration to the long-term public interests and public interest benefits to be achieved by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Company has requested the City to enter into the Agreement in substantially the form placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

**Section 1. Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined, found and declared as follows:

(a) The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.

(b) The location of the Company's Project in Jacksonville, Florida, is more particularly described in the Agreement. The Project will promote and further the public and municipal purposes of the

1 City.

2 (c) Enhancement of the City's tax base and revenues, are  
3 matters of State and City policy and State and City concern in order  
4 that the State and its counties and municipalities, including the  
5 City, shall not continue to be endangered by unemployment,  
6 underemployment, economic recession, poverty, crime and disease, and  
7 consume an excessive proportion of the State and City revenues because  
8 of the extra services required for police, fire, accident, health  
9 care, elderly care, charity care, hospitalization, public housing and  
10 housing assistance, and other forms of public protection, services  
11 and facilities.

12 (d) The provision of the City's assistance as identified in the  
13 Agreement is necessary and appropriate to make the Project feasible;  
14 and the City's assistance is reasonable and not excessive, taking  
15 into account the needs of the Company to make the Project economically  
16 and financially feasible, and the extent of the public benefits  
17 expected to be derived from the Project, and taking into account all  
18 other forms of assistance available.

19 (e) The Company is qualified to carry out and complete the  
20 construction and equipping of the Project, in accordance with the  
21 Agreement.

22 (f) The authorizations provided by this Resolution are for  
23 public uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a  
24 county, municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of  
25 Florida and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public  
26 interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a  
27 matter of legislative determination.

28 (g) This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of  
29 Chapters 163, 166 and 125, Florida Statutes, as amended, the City's  
30 Charter, and other applicable provisions of law.

31 **Section 2. Economic Development Agreement Approved.** There

1 is hereby approved, and the Mayor and Corporation Secretary are  
2 authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, the  
3 Agreement between the City and the Company, substantially in the form  
4 placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division (with such  
5 "technical" changes as herein authorized), for the purpose of  
6 implementing the recommendations of the OED.

7 The Agreement may include such additions, deletions and changes  
8 as may be reasonable, necessary and incidental for carrying out the  
9 purposes thereof, as may be acceptable to the Mayor, or her designee,  
10 with such inclusion and acceptance being evidenced by execution of  
11 the Agreement by the Mayor or her designee. No modification to the  
12 Agreement may increase the financial obligations or the liability of  
13 the City and any such modification shall be technical only and shall  
14 be subject to appropriate legal review and approval of the General  
15 Counsel, or his or her designee, and all other appropriate action  
16 required by law. "Technical" is herein defined as including, but not  
17 limited to, changes in legal descriptions and surveys, descriptions  
18 of infrastructure improvements and/or any road project, ingress and  
19 egress, easements and rights of way, performance schedules (provided  
20 that no performance schedule may be extended for more than one year  
21 without City Council approval) design standards, access and site  
22 plan, which have no financial impact.

23 **Section 3. Payment of REV Grant.**

24 (a) The REV Grant, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,100,000, shall  
25 not be deemed to constitute a debt, liability, or obligation of the  
26 City or of the State of Florida or any political subdivision thereof  
27 within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation, or  
28 a pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of the City or of  
29 the State of Florida or any political subdivision thereof, but shall  
30 be payable solely from the funds provided therefor as provided in  
31 this Section. The Agreement shall contain a statement to the effect

1 that the City shall not be obligated to pay any installment of its  
2 financial assistance to the Company except from the non-ad valorem  
3 revenues or other legally available funds provided for that purpose,  
4 that neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the City  
5 or of the State of Florida or any political subdivision thereof is  
6 pledged to the payment of any portion of such financial assistance,  
7 and that the Company, or any person, firm or entity claiming by,  
8 through or under the Company, or any other person whomsoever, shall  
9 never have any right, directly or indirectly, to compel the exercise  
10 of the ad valorem taxing power of the City or of the State of Florida  
11 or any political subdivision thereof for the payment of any portion  
12 of such financial assistance.

13 (b) The Mayor, or her designee, is hereby authorized to and  
14 shall disburse the annual installments of the REV Grant as provided  
15 in this Section in accordance with this Resolution and the Agreement.

16 **Section 4. Designation of Authorized Official/OED Contract**  
17 **Monitor.** The Mayor is designated as the authorized official of the  
18 City for the purpose of executing and delivering any contracts and  
19 documents and furnishing such information, data and documents for the  
20 Agreement and related documents as may be required and otherwise to  
21 act as the authorized official of the City in connection with the  
22 Agreement, and is further authorized to designate one or more other  
23 officials of the City to exercise any of the foregoing authorizations  
24 and to furnish or cause to be furnished such information and take or  
25 cause to be taken such action as may be necessary to enable the City  
26 to implement the Agreement according to its terms. The OED is hereby  
27 required to administer and monitor the Agreement and to handle the  
28 City's responsibilities thereunder, including the City's  
29 responsibilities under such Agreement working with and supported by  
30 all relevant City departments.

31 **Section 5. Further Authorizations.** The Mayor, or her

1 designee, and the Corporation Secretary, are hereby authorized to  
2 execute and deliver the Agreement and all other contracts and  
3 documents and otherwise take all necessary action in connection  
4 therewith and herewith. The Executive Director of the OED, as contract  
5 administrator, is authorized to negotiate and execute all necessary  
6 changes and amendments to the Agreement and other contracts and  
7 documents, to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, without  
8 further Council action, provided such changes and amendments are  
9 limited to amendments that are technical in nature (as described in  
10 Section 2 hereof), and further provided that all such amendments  
11 shall be subject to appropriate legal review and approval by the  
12 General Counsel, or his or her designee, and all other appropriate  
13 official action required by law.

14 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The OED shall oversee the  
15 Project described herein.

16 **Section 7. Execution of Agreement.** If the Agreement  
17 approved by this Resolution has not been signed by the Company within  
18 ninety (90) days after the OED delivers or mails the unexecuted  
19 Agreement to the Company for execution, then the City Council  
20 approvals in this Resolution and authorization for the Mayor to  
21 execute the Agreement are automatically revoked; provided, however,  
22 that the Executive Director of the OED shall have the authority to  
23 extend such ninety (90) day period in writing at his discretion for  
24 up to an additional ninety (90) days.

25 **Section 8. Public Investment Policy.** This Resolution  
26 conforms to the guidelines provided in the Public Investment Policy  
27 adopted by City Council Ordinance 2024-286-E.

28 **Section 9. Requesting Two Reading Passage Pursuant to**  
29 **Council Rule 3.305.** Two reading passage of this legislation is  
30 requested pursuant to Council Rule 3.305.

31 **Section 10. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6 /S/ John Sawyer

7 Office of General Counsel

8 Legislation Prepared By: John Sawyer

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