

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: Vault Enclosures expansion project – local match to state grant

From: Loren Hill, President
High Point Economic Development Corp.

Meeting Date: January 5, 2015, 6:15 p.m.

Public Hearing: yes

Advertising Date: December 23, 2014

Attachments: Legal Notice

Advertised by:
High Point Economic Development Corp.

PURPOSE:

- A public hearing has been set as the City Council considers a request to approve \$4,500 as High Point's portion of a city/county match for a State of NC Building Reuse Grant for Vault Enclosures.

BACKGROUND:

- Vault Enclosures is a leading manufacturer of high quality aluminum and high density polyethylene enclosures for manufacturers of tablets for commercial/industrial users.
- The company expects to expand at 1004 Old Thomasville Rd. in the Randolph County part of the City of High Point. The company proposes to create 40 full-time jobs. It also proposes to invest \$1,000,000 to purchase, renovate, and equip the facility.
- The company's corporate office is at 231 Plaza Lane, and Vault currently has a month-to-month lease at 308 Burton Ave. where it has done manufacturing for the last few months.
- On behalf of the company, Randolph County will be applying for a State of NC Building Reuse Grant in the amount of \$180,000. If the grant is approved, the company would buy/move to 1004 Old Thomasville Rd. (while retaining its Plaza Lane location for a sister company).
- The state grant requires a 5% local match, which would be \$9,000. Randolph County proposes that it and the City of High Point each pay half of the local match – or \$4,500 for each local government.
- Randolph County's public hearing will be held at the same time as the City's public hearing. The county's legal notice for its public hearing references 15 new full-time jobs, which complies with state grant's minimum requirements. The company head – in a telephone call on 12-17-2014 to City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle and Loren Hill – confirmed that the company plans to create at least 40 jobs.

BUDGET IMPACT:

- Upon the company being awarded the grant, the City would provide \$4,500 to Randolph County, as the City's half of a local match. The source of those monies would be the City's Economic Development Incentive Fund, which is funded by general and electric revenues.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

- The staff of the High Point Economic Development Corporation recommends that the City Council authorize \$4,500 as the City's share of the grant's local match.

PUBLISH ONE TIME
THE HIGH POINT ENTERPRISE
Tuesday, December 23, 2014

Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 158-7.1, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 5, 2015, at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers, High Point Municipal Building, 211 S. Hamilton St., High Point, NC. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on a respective funding request for High Point's portion of a city/county match for a State of NC Building Reuse Grant for Vault Enclosures. That company expects to expand at 1004 Old Thomasville Rd., High Point, NC, and proposes to create 40 full-time jobs. The High Point City Council will consider authorizing up to \$4,500 – with the source of funding being the Economic Development Incentive Fund, which is funded by general and electric revenues. The City would be authorized to provide this financial assistance to Randolph County – the local government applicant for the grant – upon the company being awarded the grant.