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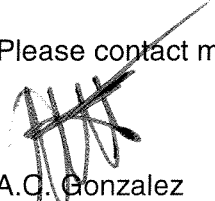
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TO Members of the Economic Development Committee:
Ron Natinsky (Chair), Tennell Atkins (Vice Chair), Dwaine Caraway, Jerry R. Allen, Sheffie Kadane, Mitchell Rasansky, Linda Koop, and Steve Salazar

SUBJECT Atmos/ Forest City Conveyance

Attached is the briefing material on the Atmos/ Forest City Conveyance to be presented to the Economic Development Committee on Thursday, October 2, 2008.

Please contact me if you need additional information.


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Atmos/ Forest City Conveyance

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Overview

- Existing agreement requires Forest City to:
 - Maintain and operate the four building Atmos Complex.
 - Redevelop buildings or cause them to be redeveloped by another developer without incentives.
 - Pay \$250,000 annual fee to City from October 2007 thru October 2009 if building permits are not obtained.
 - Revert buildings to the City at anytime prior to October 2009 upon payment of any unpaid portion of the aggregate \$750,000 fee.

Overview

- Forest City proposes to convey the Atmos Buildings to Hamilton Properties for future redevelopment.
 - Retains same obligations to City, but requests deferral of remaining fee payments to October 2009 and October 2010.
 - Hamilton Proposes a \$40.9M redevelopment with 225 residential units, 280 parking spaces and 10,000 square feet of retail.
 - Will require \$10.2M of TIF subsidies plus accrued interest at TIF Bond rate.

Overview

Requires:

- Amendment to the Downtown Connection TIF Plan to allow for direct lease or sale of City-owned property without competitive bidding.
- Amendment of the Forest City Development Agreement
- Approval of a development agreement with Hamilton Atmos.

Purpose

1. Explain the previous Forest City deal.
2. Provide details of the Hamilton Properties redevelopment proposal.
3. Describe TIF assistance requested.
4. Compare the existing situation with the redevelopment proposal.
5. Provide recommendations and propose next steps.

Background – Forest City Agreement

- In 2005, the Atmos Complex was donated to the City of Dallas at no cost and transferred to Forest City as part of the Mercantile redevelopment deal.
- On August 2005, City Council approved a Development Agreement with Forest City to redevelop the Mercantile Block, the Continental Building and the Atmos Complex.
- The agreement called for the Atmos Complex to be redeveloped by Forest City (or that Forest City would cause it to be redeveloped by another developer) into 202 residential units, 5,000 sf of retail space and 220 parking spaces.

Background – Forest City Agreement

- Atmos Complex is comprised of four buildings adjacent to the Dallas Grand Hotel and one block from Main Street Garden Park.
- The buildings contain over 249,114 square feet of obsolete office space.



Background – Forest City Agreement

- No TIF incentives allowable to Forest City for redevelopment of the Atmos Complex.
- Forest City is responsible for all operational, maintenance, repair and utility costs related to owning/operating the Atmos Complex at no cost to the City.
- The agreement stipulates penalties to be paid by Forest City if building permits are not obtained. For each of the three penalty date benchmarks, Forest City would be required to pay a fee of \$250,000.
- Penalty benchmark dates, as defined by the development agreement, occur on October 26th of the years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Background – Forest City Agreement

- The Atmos Complex reverts back to the City, in the condition originally conveyed, if building permits are not obtained by October 26, 2009.
- Reversion of the Atmos Complex back to the City could occur prior to October 26, 2009 upon payment by Forest City of any remaining portion of the \$750,000 penalty.
- Forest City made the first \$250,000 penalty payment to the City in October 2007.
- Forest City has contacted third-party developer Hamilton Properties, Inc. concerning their interest in redeveloping the Atmos Complex.

Project Details – Hamilton Atmos LP

- The proposed project includes the renovation of the Atmos buildings with approximately 225 residential units, 10,000 square feet of retail space, and 280 parking spaces.
- Hamilton Atmos LP estimates a total project cost of \$40.9 million, including \$33.2 million in hard construction costs. (See Appendices A & B, Project Proformas.)



Project Deadlines - Hamilton Atmos LP

- The developer will be required to obtain a building permit by October 20, 2010.
- The developer will be required to complete construction (receive final certificate of occupancy) and obtain a final certificate of acceptance for the improvements by February 28, 2013.
- The Office of Economic Development Director may authorize adjustments to the project deadlines should reasonable adjustments be needed and supported by additional consideration (the project will be in the shared queue for TIF payment).

TIF Assistance - Hamilton Atmos LP



The developer is seeking authorization for TIF subsidy for the redevelopment of the Atmos Complex in an amount not to exceed \$10,222,814, plus interest, at TIF Bond rate. (See Appendices C & D for evaluation worksheet and comparison with other projects.)

TIF Assistance - Hamilton Atmos LP

- This project qualifies for \$10,222,814 in incentives under the Downtown Connection TIF District Project Evaluation Criteria.
- Funding is requested as follows: \$4,000,000 in TIF Funding for TIF-eligible expenditures and \$6,222,814 in an economic development grant for non TIF-eligible expenditures.
- Two of the buildings (301 S. Harwood Avenue and 1915 Wood Street) are historic and may qualify for Historic Tax Credits.

Comparative Benefits

Summary of Comparative Benefits			
	Existing Forest City Deal		Hamilton Proposal
Developer	Forest City Enterprises d/b/a FC Atmos		Hamilton Properties, Inc. d/b/a Hamilton Atmos LP
Residential Units	202		225
Parking Spaces	220		280
Retail Space	5,000 sq. ft.		10,000 sq. ft.
Building Permit	Will not redevelop		October 20, 2010
Expected Completion	Will not redevelop		February 28, 2013
Penalty Payment	FC Atmos Cross Defaulted w/ FC Merc and FC Continental		Same FC Obligation Plus Hamilton Atmos LP
1 st Payment Due	10/26/07	\$250,000	N/A
2 nd Payment Due	10/26/08	\$250,000	10/26/09 \$250,000
3 rd Payment Due	10/26/09	\$250,000	10/26/10 \$250,000

Comparative Benefits

Summary of Comparative Benefits		
	Existing Forest City Deal	Hamilton Proposal
Property Reversion to the City	If not redeveloped, at 10/26/09 or anytime prior upon full remittance of unpaid balance of penalty fees.	If not redeveloped, at 10/26/10 or anytime prior upon full remittance of unpaid balance of penalty fees.
Affordable Housing	No Requirement	23 Affordable Units (10% of total)
TIF Incentive	NONE	A maximum of \$10,222,814, but not to exceed 30% of added value one year after completion as determined by DCAD. Shared queue for reimbursement. Interest accrual at TIF Bond Rate. Maximum incentives not to exceed \$20 million
Maintenance and Indemnity Obligations	FC Atmos cross defaulted w/ FC Merc and FC Continental until property reverts to City or 10/26/09, whichever occurs sooner.	Same FC Atmos obligation plus Hamilton Atmos until property reverts to City or 10/26/09, whichever occurs sooner.

Recommendations and Next Steps

Staff requests Committee approval and recommendation for approval to the City Council for the following items at the October 22, 2008 Council meeting:

- Amend the Downtown Connection TIF Plan to allow for direct lease or sale of city-owned property without bidding under certain conditions.
- Approval of the amendment to the Forest City Development Agreement extending payment of the remaining two option fee payments by 12 months each.
- Approval to authorize a Development Agreement with Hamilton Atmos LP for the redevelopment of the Atmos complex as described in this briefing.

Appendix A – Proforma Information - Project Requirements/Other Information

	<u>Atmos Complex</u>
Total Project Cost	\$40,891,253
Hard Costs	\$33,241,573
Soft Costs	\$7,649,680
Acquisition	\$0
2008 DCAD Value	\$3,100,760
Personal Property	\$0
# units	225
# of affordable units (10% required for TIF)	23
Retail sf	10,000
Total Square Feet	249,114

Appendix B – Proforma Information - Atmos Complex Project NOI

Residential Retail and Parking Income		
Residential	(\$1.59/s.f - market & \$1.08/s/f - affordable units)	\$4,008,840
Retail (including reimbursement income)	(\$1.59/sf - retail & \$0.35/sf - reimb. Income)	\$233,398
Parking	(282 stalls @ \$68.96/ month)	\$233,356
Less: Vacany and Concensions	(10% of residential, parking & 15% of retail)	<u>(\$431,020)</u>
Effective Gross Total Residential Retail and Parking Income		\$4,044,574
Residential, Retail and Parking Expenses		
Management Fee (3.5%)		(\$172,957)
Payroll		(\$247,985)
Administrative		(\$46,892)
Advertising/ Marketing		(\$72,141)
Utilities		(\$270,530)
Repairs and Maintenance		(\$144,282)
Real Estate Taxes		(\$689,230)
Common Area Maintenance		(\$31,827)
Property Insurance		(\$62,223)
Replacement Reserves		<u>(\$35,280)</u>
Total Operating Expenses		(\$1,773,347)
Total Project NOI (Stablized Year 3)		\$2,271,227

CAP RATE	7.5%	8.0%	8.5%
	\$30,283,027	\$28,390,338	\$26,720,318

Return on Investment (no City \$)	5.6%
Return on Investment (w/ \$10.2M TIF Funds)	7.4%

Appendix C – Hamilton Atmos TIF Value Point Worksheet

VALUES	15pts	10pts	8pts	4pts	0pts
Reaching Critical Mass - Residential	200 + Units	199 - 150 Units	149 - 100 Units	99 - 1 Unit(s)	0 Units
Reaching Critical Mass - Retail	10,000 + sq. feet	9,999 - 5,000 sq. feet	4,999 - 2,500 sq. feet	< 2,500 sq. feet	0 sq. feet
Proximity to Main Street Core or Catalyst Project / Park	Within Main Street Core or Directly Adjacent to Catalyst Project / Park	Adjacent to Main Street Core	Within one block of catalyst project / park	Inside Downtown Freeway Loop	Outside Downtown Freeway Loop
Public vs. Private Investment (Benefit Analysis)	Benefit = 2x > Cost	Benefit = 1.9x - 1.5x > Cost	Benefit = 1.4x - 1.1 > Cost	Benefit = 1x > Cost	Benefit = 0.9x > Cost
Historic Restoration	Yes				No
New Construction		Yes			No
Reuse of Existing Structure		Yes			No
Buildings with 3 stories or less (existing/historic buildings)		Yes			No
Years to Recover Public Investment		< 5 Years	6 - 8 Years	9 - 10 Years	11 + Years
Affordable Housing > 10 %				Yes	No
Permanent Jobs Created > 20				Yes	No
Commitment to Minority / Women Bus.(all funding sources) > 25 %				Yes	No
Offering Public Parking > 50 Spaces				Yes	No
Land Use - Hotel and/or Office				Yes	No
Impact Project - Bonus Points = 15 Points	Yes				No
	75	10	0	0	0

High Ranking = 15 point maximum
 Medium Ranking = 10 point maximum
 Low Ranking = 4 point maximum
 Special Impact Project = Bonus 15 points

85 Tier Levels
 Tier 1 = 100 - 81 Points
 Tier 2 = 80 - 66 Points
 Tier 3 = 65 - 51 Points
 Tier 4 = 50 - 0 Points

Funding Levels
 25 % cap
 20 % cap
 15 % cap
 0 % cap

Appendix D – Project Comparison

<u>Project (City Center and Downtown Connection with over 75 units)</u>	<u>TIF Assistance</u>	<u>Tax Abatement (estimate)</u>	<u>Section 108 and other Intown Housing Funds</u>	<u>Private Investment</u>	<u># of Units</u>	<u># of Affordable Units/Amount of Buy-Out</u>	<u>Cost (Includes TIF/Unit)</u>	<u>Public Subsidy/Unit</u>	<u>Public to Private Investment</u>
Santa Fe II (SoCo Lofts)	n/a	\$1,354,735	\$4,050,000	\$18,465,825	205	49 \$	90,077	\$26,265	29.27%
Majestic Lofts	n/a	\$768,181	\$4,051,760	\$10,300,000	129	51 \$	79,845	\$37,364	46.80%
Kirby Building	\$1,375,000	\$892,992	\$5,100,000	\$21,500,000	156	57 \$	137,821	\$8,814	34.27%
Davis Building	\$1,350,000	\$1,189,000	\$7,216,000	\$34,000,000	183	40 \$	185,792	\$7,377	28.69%
Wilson Building	\$3,800,000	n/a	n/a	\$18,000,000	133	0 \$	135,338	\$28,571	21.11%
Dallas Power and Light	\$6,503,000	\$997,000	n/a	\$24,000,000	154	0 \$	155,844	\$42,227	31.25%
Interurban Building	\$5,000,000	\$967,000	n/a	\$15,000,000	134	0 \$	111,940	\$37,313	39.78%
Republic Center	\$4,605,000	\$1,440,000	n/a	\$34,000,000	227	0 \$	149,780	\$20,286	17.78%
1200 Main (Metropolitan)	\$4,750,000	n/a	n/a	\$48,000,000	273	0 \$	175,824	\$17,399	9.90%
Mosaic	\$9,000,000	\$6,777,298	n/a	\$80,000,000	440	0 \$	181,818	\$20,455	19.72%
Mercantile Complex	\$58,000,000	\$4,000,000	n/a	\$130,000,000	375	0 \$	346,667	\$154,667	47.69%
500 S. Ervay/717 Leonard	\$15,000,000	\$2,874,600	n/a	\$129,000,000	602	\$1,040,000 \$	214,286	\$24,917	13.86%
Tower Petroleum/1900 Pacific	\$12,000,000	\$2,887,877	n/a	\$102,000,000	255*	\$455,000** \$	400,000	\$47,059	14.60%
***1600 Pacific Avenue	\$15,907,777	n/a	n/a	\$64,000,000	307	61 \$	208,469	\$51,817	24.86%
Atmos Complex	\$10,222,814	n/a	n/a	\$30,000,000	225	23 \$	133,333	\$45,435	34.08%
Total	\$147,513,591	\$24,148,683	\$20,417,760	\$758,265,825	3543				

* Includes hotel rooms and condominiums

**Transfer fee for 130 condominium units

***Includes TIF subsidy for affordable housing development