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CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2024

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN DUFOUR, *C/W*

A RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE HASLAM SPORTS GROUP TO STRONGLY CONSIDER THE FORMER FORD PROPERTY AS THE LOCATION FOR A NEW DOMED STADIUM FOR THE CLEVELAND BROWNS AND PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Brook Park is committed to the economic development and enhancement of the quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brook Park is home to a uniquely advantageous site at the former Ford property, offering 176 acres of developable land; and

WHEREAS, a domed stadium at the former Ford property would leave ample space for a mixed-use entertainment district, potentially attracting visitors from across the region and the nation; and

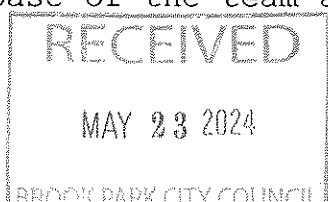
WHEREAS, the location is highly accessible, situated near major interstates (I-71 and I-480), Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, the RTA Red Line for convenient public transportation, and less than six miles from the Ohio Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, a domed stadium built at the former Ford property would offer the opportunity for Northeast Ohio to host a Super Bowl, a premier event that would bring in significant economic impact to the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a domed stadium would provide year-round opportunities for use, facilitating a variety of events and attractions that would benefit the region economically and culturally; and

WHEREAS, the site's proximity to the Cleveland Browns' home existing Berea complex offers logistical and operational advantages; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the Cleveland Browns' home field within the Greater Cleveland area honors the deep historical roots and passionate fan base of the team and would ensure that loyal fans



are not disenfranchised by travel distance or logistical complications; and

WHEREAS, the former Ford property and the City of Brook Park offer many strong strategic advantages for potential entertainment or industrial development, including land availability, multimodal transportation access, workforce access and more.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1: That the City of Brook Park encourages the Haslam Sports Group to strongly consider the former Ford property the location for the construction of a new domed stadium that would serve the Cleveland Browns and the broader Northeast Ohio region.

SECTION 2: That the City of Brook Park stands ready to work in partnership with the Haslam Sports Group to support the development and success of a domed stadium and associated mixed use entertainment district at the former Ford property and extends an open invitation to discuss the proposal and the potential for collaboration at an upcoming city council meeting.

SECTION 3: That the City of Brook Park promotes the former Ford property and the City as a whole as a prime location for major entertainment and industrial development which would create jobs and enhance the economic base of both the City and the region.

SECTION 4: That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Haslam Sports Group.

SECTION 5: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 6: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and for the further reason to encourage the Haslam Sports Group to build the Browns domed stadium at the Former Ford property, provided that that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: May 21, 2024

ATTEST: Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

Richard A. Smith
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: Ed A. Smith
MAYOR

5/21/24
DATE

CERTIFICATE

Carol Johnson, Clerk of Council, of the City of Brook Park, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance / Resolution

No. 8-2024

passed on the 21 day of May

20 24 by said council.

Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

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[Signature]
I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS
DIRECTOR OF LAW