

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2015

Expressing Support for the Worthington Lodge, LLC
Development Project Located on the Site of the
Worthington, Ohio Historic Masonic Lodge on High
Street in Old Worthington.

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2015, Worthington Lodge, LLC received approval for the redevelopment of the historic Worthington Masonic Lodge site, which approval permits certain commercial and residential uses; and,

WHEREAS, the New England Lodge No. 4 was chartered in 1803 and built in 1820 and is an important historical structure to the citizens of Worthington and the State of Ohio, and,

WHEREAS, Worthington Lodge, LLC proposes to maintain the 1820 structure for use as corporate office space and to preserve the Masonic museum within the building, and intends to develop the adjoining building for primarily residential purposes, both of which are consistent with the goals of the City of Worthington Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the sustained presence of the New England Lodge No. 4 in Worthington and the creation by Worthington Lodge, LLC of new jobs in the heart of the City is an important objective and positively contributes to the quality of life and experiences of the City's residents, visitors and business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the City of Worthington supports the plans of Worthington Lodge, LLC to redevelop the historic Masonic Lodge site at 634 High Street as proposed, including the preservation of the New England Lodge No. 4 museum and the creation of corporate office space and residential units on the remainder of the site, and expresses appreciation to Worthington Lodge, LLC for its consideration to the New England Lodge No. 4 and the citizens of this community by maintaining the history and creating an economic presence in Old Worthington.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted September 21, 2015

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
President of Council

Attest:

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council