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## **Mayor Eugene W. Grant and City Council Make History Voting Unanimously to Move Forward with the Multi-Million Dollar Development Green Project**

**Seat Pleasant, MD --** In a historic move tonight the City of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence Council Members supported Mayor **Eugene W. Grant** unanimously in a vote to move forward with the construction of the 15 Acre planned LEED-Platinum "City Center." This \$30 - \$50 Million dollar project will be comprised of five parcels of land. This will be the City's largest undertaking in its history and the largest Public/Private Partnership (P3) of a municipality with a population of 10,000 or less. The City has strategically partnered with [Kratos Infrastructure](#) to complete this multi-use center, which will be a renewable infrastructure project and provide essential services to the residents of Seat Pleasant, who for too long have been underserved. To date, the City has pledged over \$100,000 to begin predevelopment activity for the visioning and concept planning for the project. At Large City Councilmember **Kelly Porter** stated "At a time when the economy is going up and down in direction, due to a variety of circumstances, the City of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence is moving in a direction of creating prosperity for its residents. As well as, setting a clear precedence for sustainable growth" Councilman **Porter** continued "I am proud to be a part of this development process as it is long overdue, for an inner beltway city, bordering our Nation's Capital. All of our residents can be proud of this infrastructure project and what it will accomplish for our cities future" concluded Councilmember **Porter**.

"**Kratos Infrastructure** develops large-scale infrastructure projects that integrate distributed, renewable energy production with sustainable infrastructure through strategic relationships. The City of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence welcomes their partnership in this historic undertaking," stated Mayor **Eugene W. Grant**. "What is unique to this project is our City's desire to go totally GREEN. The early stages of this development project will successfully initiate and complete the single largest green development project in the City's history," concluded Mayor **Grant**.

Additionally, this project will include a LEED-Platinum City Hall Building which along with the other buildings will be positioned with energy efficient solar panels and other renewable energy solutions to reduce the size of the carbon footprint of each of the facilities covering the five parcels of land. The City Center will feature a LEED-Platinum City Hall, a Medical Mall and Recreation Center, a Youth Center, residential units for seniors, green space and parking.

City Administrator **Vincent Jones** was pleased to state; "I think the process that our staff used to make a recommendation and the Council's selection of a developer for the City Center project is a major accomplishment for the City of Seat Pleasant and our residents. It takes the project from a concept and moves it several steps forward to becoming a reality. I think the Mayor and Council should be commended for the importance they placed on the development of the project using a public-private partnership to lessen the impact on our residents. The successful completion of this project will help Seat Pleasant remain a leader among Prince George's County's municipalities," concluded City Administrator **Jones**.

Ms. **Jacqui Battle**, a Seat Pleasant Resident and Member of the City Center Advisory Committee had this to say about tonight's historic vote, "This is an exciting time as a result of the City of Excellence voting to take this project on. This is something we have been praying for a long time" Ms. **Battle** also added; "Its more advantageous to reconstruct the City Center as opposed to refurbish it. As a LEEDS project, it will improve the quality of life for our community and offer something for every Seat Pleasant resident."

*An official groundbreaking ceremony is planned for the near future and more information on that event will be available to the media once the event details are prepared.*

**Seat Pleasant: "A City of Excellence"** is one of Maryland's 157 municipalities with a population of 4,582 residents, 100 businesses, 13 houses of faith, and 20 non-profit organizations. The Seat Pleasant government has a mayor, seven member city council and 35 government employees operating a \$3.8 million dollar budget.

**Eugene W. Grant** is currently serving his 8th year as mayor of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence. During his 8 years as mayor, he has successfully tripled the size of the Police Department, reduced crime by 33%, improved the infrastructure of the city, ended each year with a surplus and raised thousands of dollars for the local elementary school. Mayor Grant serves as the Chairman of the Board for Health Empowerment Network of Maryland, Inc., President of the Maryland Black Mayor's Community Development Corporation, Inc., Chief Executive Officer for Global Development Services for Youth, Inc., and a member of numerous other organizations both domestically and internationally. You can follow Mayor Grant on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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