


BY MRS. RUBY JENKINS-HUSBAND


SECONDED BY MR. JOSEPH SCHEMBER
DATE DECEMBER 19, 2007

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a One-thousand nine-hundred twenty (1,920) foot runway extension to and the resurfacing of the existing runway at the Erie International Airport is essential for passenger safety as well as the future growth and economic development of the City of Erie and the entire Erie region; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, by delegated, statutory authority to the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA"), has agreed to contribute to the funding for the runway expansion and resurfacing project on the condition that local government contributes to the project based on a formula presented by the FAA; and

WHEREAS, elected representatives of the City of Erie ("City"), County of Erie ("County"), Millcreek Township ("Township") and the Erie Municipal Airport Authority ("Authority") convened November 9, 2007 for the purpose of agreeing on a collaborative plan in order to: provide for a local funding match for the runway project, address expansion of the Authority's board and arrive at real estate acquisition and sharing agreements in furtherance of the project; and

WHEREAS, integral to the runway expansion is the acquisition of the property known as the "Millcreek Golf Course", which is presently owned by the Township; and

WHEREAS, in order to realign the Millcreek Golf Course property in a configuration suitable to accommodate the runway expansion project and still maintain the course as a viable nine-hole course, the Authority would be required to expend in excess of two million dollars;

WHEREAS, as an alternative to the above stated expenditure, the City expressed its desire to convey to the Township and the Township agreed to accept the property owned by the City and known as Erie Golf Course under the condition that the Authority or the County agree to pay, provide funds for, or otherwise liquidate a debt incurred by the City for golf course improvements at Erie Golf Course in the amount of two million two hundred ten thousand (\$2,210,000.00) dollars and further that the Township provide a right-of-way to the Authority for runway expansion; and

WHEREAS, at the November 9, 2007 meeting the City, County, Township and Authority mutually agreed to the following terms:

1. The Authority has agreed to seek amendment to its Articles of Incorporation pursuant to the Municipality Authorities Act in order to expand its board membership from five members to nine members and provide that membership shall be composed of five members appointed by the City and four members appointed by the County; and



up to \$ 25.7 milli-
dollar:

2. The County will provide for the local match for the runway project either through gaming revenues, a County bond issue or a guarantee of a bond issue issued by the Authority, or otherwise formulate another funding mechanism suitable to all governing bodies herein; and

3. The conveyance of the Erie Golf Course by the City to the Township and payment by the (County and/or) Authority of the golf course improvement loan incurred by the City in the amount of \$2,210,000.00 in conjunction with a right-of-way by the Township in favor of the Authority to the property adjacent to the runway are to be considered material terms of the collaborative plan arrived at by the governmental bodies; and

4. The City will consent to the expansion of the Authority's board as stated in paragraph one herein and in accordance with the Municipality Authorities Act only under the condition that all terms recited herein are successfully completed; and

5. The governing bodies shall attempt to implement all the terms of this Resolution simultaneously.

Be it further resolved, that the City Solicitor is respectfully requested to work with the solicitors for the County, Township and Authority, upon approval by their respective governing bodies, to further the implementation of the terms of this Resolution.

December 19, 2007. A motion was proposed by Mr. Schember, Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, to amend Item #2 and #3 of the above resolution by adding the following language in Item #2 after "runway project" the words "up to \$25.7 million dollars" and also in Item #3 by deleting the words "County and/or the" from the text.

December 19, 2007. City Council on motion to approve the foregoing amendments as stated, adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, Gonzalez, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.

December 19, 2007. City Council adopt, as amended, by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, Gonzalez, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.

December 19, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

