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Lonnie Roberts
County Commissioner, District 4
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501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 600
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Dear Commissioner Roberts,

The Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber (Hispanic Chamber) is following with interest your deliberations regarding the establishment of a **Court House/Justice Center in East Multnomah County**. As an organization that is dedicated to the economic advancement of Latino owned businesses, we want to encourage you to do what ever you can to build such a facility, especially in the Rockwood neighborhood. As you know, there is an increasing number of Latino businesses and families in the Rockwood area. By establishing this court house and justice center in Rockwood it would accomplish a variety of outcomes. First, it would increase services to Latino businesses and families that reside in Rockwood. Second it would encourage attorneys and other professionals to establish their offices near the courthouse. Third, it would establish a police precinct that would allow community policing efforts to be reengaged.


The greater Gresham community and the Latino community in particular, that reside in the Rockwood area, need the economic development and the related justice system services that this project provides. **We strongly encourage your planners to include community policing to compliment the community court portion of the court system.**

As business people we know that nothing ever happens without funding, therefore, we strongly encourage you to make the funds available now from the sale of the surplus County property. The construction activity needs to start as soon as possible. The commencement of this construction project will send a message to other investors to return to the Rockwood neighborhood and reverse the economic declines of the past few years.

Please call me if there is anything the Hispanic Chamber can do assist in this project. We plan to continue to work with the Gresham Chamber of Commerce, members of the Gresham City Council and the justice community to accomplish this worthy project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


García Castillo
Executive Director

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The Voice of Business in the East Metro Area

November 1, 2004

Diane Linn
Multnomah County
501 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. Suite 600
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Dear Chair Linn:

The Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce, Governmental Affairs Council, has studied the idea of locating a Justice Center/Court House in Gresham. After the presentation and much discussion it was passed that the Council completely supports the concept of a center in Gresham. We do understand that it is a Statue 3.014(2) that mandates a facility in Gresham for the purpose of holding court. This is not in support of a specific location although Rockwood seemed to be the consensus of the Council.

Over the past ten or so years Rockwood has become inundated with apartments mainly occupied with many diverse families. Unfortunately, the crime and gang rate has also risen. We believe that the combining of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and Gresham Police presence would greatly deter that activity. If we are to rebuild the business section in Rockwood and also enhance the businesses that are there, we need to make it a healthy community in which to live.

The other aspect of putting the Justice Center in Rockwood is that a clustering effect would most likely take place with much support for the Justice Center and Court House. Support businesses like attorney office, cleaners, food, etc. would then build around because of the permanent influx of new businesses that would need these services.

We support the sale of County property to help facilitate this endeavor. We simply cannot put this off and have to wait another twenty or more years for this subject to come up again. The existing buildings are old, decrepit and extremely close to be condemned and certainly not a healthy facility for people to work in.

If you have further questions of the Chamber or we can assist with this project in any way please feel free to call me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Nielsen-Hood".

Carol Nielsen-Hood
Executive Director

MULTNOMAH BAR ASSOCIATION

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Re: New Multnomah County Courthouses
Draft Resolution directing proceeds from sale of certain county
properties for new East County Justice facility

Past President
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Dear Commissioner Roberts:

Directors

W. Todd Clegg

The Multnomah Bar Association, a voluntary professional organization with 4,000 lawyer members, has previously expressed its support for new court facilities in Multnomah County. We were honored to have participated in the Courthouse Blue Ribbon Steering Committee, which issued its report in December of 2003. We previously sent you our written comments and testified in support of Resolution Number 04-028, which the Commission adopted earlier this year.

Lori E. Deveny

Jeffrey S. Matthews

Kathryn L. Villa Smith

The Multnomah Bar Association continues to support additional and new courthouse facilities in East Multnomah County and downtown Portland. We support the resolution the Commission is scheduled to consider on November 4, 2004. We view this as an important part of the development of new courthouse facilities in Multnomah County. We hope that the Commission will continue to move forward on both the east county and downtown facilities.

Simon D. Rapoport

Helen T. Smith

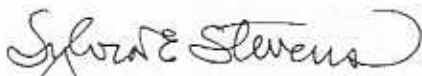
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Very truly yours,

Nancy K. Potter



Sylvia E. Stevens
President, Multnomah Bar Association

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cc: Doug Bray
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Troutdale, Oregon 97060

October 27, 2004

To: The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners

From: The West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce

The West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce which represents the communities of Fairview, Wood Village, Troutdale, Springdale, Corbett and Cascade Locks supports the resolution directing funds from the sale of the Hansen Building and the Multnomah County Correctional Facilities to help fund construction of an East County Justice Center. We feel that from a business perspective this plan makes good sense.

We believe that using the funds from the sale of these two properties for a capital building project makes better business sense than putting the funds into one-year operating expenses. The construction of a new East County Justice Center would better serve over 200,000 people in the county, reduce crime rate, save time spent on the road by police officers, and allow the courts to function more efficiently. In addition, putting the properties back on the tax rolls would be a benefit to the cities involved.

The sale of the two properties would give the county the ability to pay for the facility as it is being constructed. We support this long-term visionary approach. We believe that is good business. We also believe the citizens would support this approach.

We understand that you have difficult budget decisions to make and we appreciate the work that you all do. We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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RESOLUTION
(28-2004)

A RESOLUTION BY THE FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO CONSTRUCTION OF EAST COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER.

WHEREAS, the City of Fairview is aware that a suitable alternative for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office facilities have not been identified nor made ready since the passage of Multnomah County Resolution 02-032; and

WHEREAS, the City supports public interest of the County and its residents that the Sheriff's Office operation now located at the Hansen Building are included in any proposal for a new East County justice facility; and

WHEREAS, the City is aware that there is sufficient bed capacity in the Multnomah County Jail System to house work crews from the Multnomah County Correctional Facility in Troutdale and therefore, MCCF and the other undeveloped Edgefield property are not needed for public use and are deemed County-owned surplus property that should be sold; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the allocation of any net proceeds from the sale of the Hansen Building, MCCF and other County surplus property to fund a new East County justice facility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the funding resulting from the sale of County surplus property is better used for long-term County capital programs, such as the East County justice facility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW THAT:

Section 1 The Fairview City Council along supports the deposit of funds from the sale of County surplus property into the Capital Improvement Fund to be used for a new East County justice facility that shall include replacement facilities for MCSO.

Section 2 This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

Motion moved by Darrell Cornelius and seconded by

Jim Raze and adopted by the City Council

of the City of Fairview, this 20th day of October, 2004,

by the following vote:

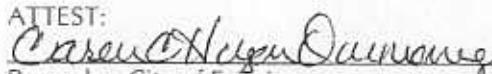
YEAS: 4 NAYS: 0



Council President
Steve Owen

10-20-04

Date of Signing

ATTEST:


Recorder, City of Fairview
Caren C. Huson Quiniones

RESOLUTION NO. 1725

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF THE HANSEN BUILDING AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (MCCF) BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EAST COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER.

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:


1. The City of Troutdale is aware that a suitable alternative for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office facilities has not been identified since the passage of Multnomah County Resolution 02-032.
2. The City believes it is in the interest of all County residents that the Sheriff's Office operations, now located at the Hansen Building, be included in any proposal for a new East County justice facility.
3. The City understands there is sufficient bed capacity in the Multnomah County Jail System to house work crews from the Multnomah County Correctional Facility (MCCF) in Troutdale and therefore, the MCCF and the other undeveloped Edgefield property are not needed for public use and can be deemed County-owned surplus property that should be sold.
4. The City supports the allocation of any net proceeds from the sale of the Hansen Building, MCCF and other East County surplus property to fund a new East County justice facility.
5. The City Council believes that the one time funding resulting from the sale of this County surplus property is better used for long-term County capital programs, such as the East County justice facility than for one year operating expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE

Section 1. The Troutdale City Council supports the deposit of funds from the sale of County surplus property into the Capital Improvement Fund to be used for a new East County justice facility that will include replacement facilities for MCSO.

Section 2. This resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0


Paul Thalhøfer, Mayor
October 27, 2004
Date


Sarah Greif, Office Support Specialist

Adopted: October 26, 2004

RESOLUTION 18-2004**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO DIRECT PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE HANSEN BUILDING AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (MCCF) TO HELP FUND A NEW EAST COUNTY JUSTICE FACILITY**

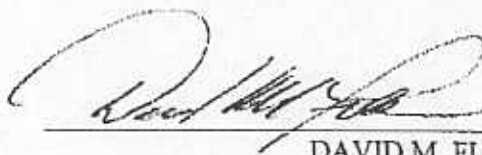
WHEREAS, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will soon consider a resolution declaring the Hansen Building (122nd & Glisan) and the Edgefield properties in Troutdale (including the Multnomah County Correctional Facility) as surplus and directing the sale thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Wood Village City Council requests that the funds from the sale of the Hansen and Edgefield Properties be deposited in the Capital Improvement Fund to be used for a new East County justice facility and replacement facilities for Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement.

Motion to approve by MINTER; seconded by STONE

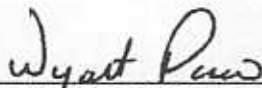
and adopted this 20th day of October 2004.

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 0



DAVID M. FULLER
MAYOR

ATTEST:



WYATT PARNO, Finance Director/City Recorder

Lonnie Roberts
Multnomah County Commissioner
District 4



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 1, 2004

TO: Chair Diane Linn
Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey, District 1
Commissioner Serena Cruz, District 2
Commissioner Lisa Naito, District 3
Board Clerk Deb Bogstad

FROM: Kristen West
Staff Assistant to Commissioner Lonnie Roberts

RE: Clarification on the City of Gresham Resolution

The City of Gresham will be adopting the attached resolution within the next few weeks. Our office has had contact with Dave Shields from their City Council and we have been informed that it will be approved.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE ACTION AND EFFORTS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FUND A NEW EAST COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER AND ENDORSING MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. _____

The City of Gresham Finds:

A. Multnomah County Resolution 01-114 commissioned a study to determine whether to proceed with renovating the Multnomah County Courthouse. The resulting report was issued June 2002 and concluded, in part, that as part of the long-term court space strategy, establishing a court in Gresham would enhance service and increase convenience to East County residents.

B. A Courthouse Blue Ribbon Steering Committee was convened in August 2002 with the mission of "developing a comprehensive, clear, sustainable, and cost-effective strategy for meeting Multnomah County's court facilities needs for the next 40 years." The Blue Ribbon Committee's Courthouse Recommendations, issued December 2003, included a recommendation for establishment of a four-courtroom facility, with expansion capability to six courtrooms, in East County/Gresham.

C. Multnomah County Resolution 04-028 created a work group to be charged by Commissioner Lonnie Roberts to make specific recommendations and a cost analysis regarding a new East County justice facility.

D. City of Gresham Resolution No. 2693 endorsed the Blue Ribbon Steering Committee's conclusion regarding siting a courthouse in East County and the creation of a work group to study the topic and make recommendations regarding an East County Justice Facility, including site proposals, partnership potentials, and viable financing strategies for land acquisition, facility construction and related costs. This work group has been meeting regularly since April 2004.

E. Multnomah County Resolution No. _____, adopted on October _____, 2004, designated the Hansen Building, the Multnomah County Correctional Facility (MCCF) located in Troutdale, and the Edgefield/Pig farm properties currently owned by the county as surplus property and directed that the properties be sold. The net proceeds from the sale of these properties (estimated at \$10 to \$12 million) are to be utilized to help fund a new East County Justice Facility.

F. The East County Justice Facility work group envisions that the new justice center will be a shared governmental facility and include full service civil and criminal court facilities, county sheriff personnel and operations, booking and fingerprinting facilities, holding cells, investigation rooms, and various other law enforcement related amenities. To enhance regional law enforcement efforts, it is also anticipated that the facility will house a Gresham Police Department precinct office. The work group identified the Rockwood - West Gresham Urban Renewal Area as an area that would benefit significantly from the presence of a justice center, and that the presence of such a facility in that area, especially the Rockwood Town Center area, would help reduce the crime rate and create a more positive perception of safety which are critical factors for attracting investment in the renewal area.

THE CITY OF GRESHAM RESOLVES:

1. The City of Gresham supports the County Board of Commissioners' action to sell the surplus county property identified above and dedicate the net proceeds to partially fund a new justice and courthouse facility in East County.

2. The City of Gresham desires to partner with the County to establish an East County Justice Facility. The city shall explore the availability of resources to contribute to the success of this important East County project, including the possible use of urban renewal financing, and also explore means to assist in the acquisition of property for the project.

3. The East County Justice Facility work group under the continued guidance of Commissioner Lonnie Roberts and Mayor Charles Becker shall continue its study and planning efforts, and finalize its recommendations for presentation to the County Board of Commissioners and the Gresham City Council.

Yes: _____

No: _____

Absent: _____

Abstain: _____

Passed by the Gresham City Council and effective on _____

City Manager

Mayor

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney