

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO CSX RAILROAD AND THE PROPOSED INTERMODAL TERMINAL TO BE LOCATED IN WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR POSITIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR THE REGION WHILE MAINTAINING THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND ASSETS IDENTIFIED WITH AND AROUND LAKE WALES AND CENTRAL FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida wishes to express its position of support for the proposed Intermodal Terminal (“IMT”) while recognizing that there are critical issues involving the community’s residents; and

WHEREAS, the CSX Railroad has entered into an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) to support development of a commuter rail system and the movement of freight trains to the proposed “IMT”; and

WHEREAS, the central development of the “IMT” is essential to the future development of an Integrated Logistic Center (“ILC”) which will be the economic focus of all of the necessary components of land and infrastructure required for the “ILC”, as it relates to the economic development in and for the City of Lake Wales; and

WHEREAS; the City of Lake Wales is concerned about the economic, environmental, and transportation impacts that will occur in and around the City of Lake Wales as a result of the “IMT”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA HEREBY EXPRESSES ITS ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED “IMT” CONDITIONED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. The overall design of the “IMT” and its future Master Plan for supporting warehouse, distribution, manufacturing, and other types of development that may be contemplated at the “IMT” shall utilize the highest quality technology and highest quality land use planning principals to minimize the impact of light, noise, traffic, water, and environmental impacts on the Citizens of Lake Wales as prescribed in the DRI; and**
- 2. The “IMT” shall be designed to focus all of the tractor trailer and truck traffic and employee traffic to its proposed entrance on State Road 60 and with no project traffic on Thompson Nursery Road; and**
- 3. The “IMT” shall be utilized for logistics purposes only and shall not be utilized as a rail yard designed for train make-up or as a depot for the processing, shipping or storage of “Hazardous Materials” other than as directed by the order of the Federal Government of the United States and then only with an efficient “Pre-Notification Warning System” that shall be part of the overall Master Plan of the “IMT” for the benefit of the Region; and**

4. The City of Lake Wales will benefit from the attraction of companies by CSX and/or its subsidiaries through the "Regional Approach" to working with company representatives, site selectors and site consultants and the CSX staff and the City's Department of Economic Development.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE this 16th day of April, 2008

Attest:

By: Chava VanBergan
City Clerk

City Commission of Lake Wales

By: [Signature]
Mayor