

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT'S CONSIDERATION TO LOCATE PORT FACILITIES ON PROPERTY TO BE KNOWN AS THE TREASURE COAST INTERMODAL CAMPUS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is promoting economic development through long range planning efforts such as the 2010 Update of the Strategic Intermodal System ("SIS") in order to improve the efficient movement of goods and people; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT"), in an effort to improve the SIS, has identified a need to increase the speed, efficiency and available locations for the movement and storage of freight. In particular, the FDOT has worked with a consortium of ports, including the Port of Palm Beach District ("Port"), to evaluate the need for an Inland Logistics Center to more efficiently serve the sea going cargo needs of South Florida, including the Treasure Coast and Lake Okeechobee areas; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion, existing urban development, urban area real estate values and other similar factors serve to constrain the ability of South Florida ports to expand in order to meet increasing demand such as will likely occur, for example, with the completion of the Panama Canal expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Port has pre-qualified six landowner/development teams deemed sufficient to submit detailed responses to the Port's South Florida Regional Intermodal Logistics Center Request For Proposals dated July 10, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Transportation Planning Organizations for Martin and St. Lucie Counties adopted a long range transportation plan known as "Destination 2030" which identified an area including the Treasure Coast Intermodal Campus site as a future regional hub for freight transfer serving the State of Florida in general and South Florida in particular; and

WHEREAS, the Port is seeking a site with a minimum of 3,500 developable acres with ready access to rail, road and other intermodal transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Treasure Coast Intermodal Campus site is the only identified site in St. Lucie County that meets the minimum site characteristics required by the Port; and

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WHEREAS, the Treasure Coast Intermodal Campus will be an important economic engine for the City of Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County and represents the opportunity for the City to support the creation of a multi-faceted employment center providing thousands of well paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Treasure Coast Intermodal Campus site promotes and furthers smart regional planning for sustainability due to the nearby supply of reasonably priced housing and a qualified workforce which can benefit by reduced commuting distances which will assist with reducing green house gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the property owners that comprise the Treasure Coast Intermodal Campus have submitted a voluntary annexation application to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Treasure Coast Intermodal Campus will fully embrace green design standards so that the City and St. Lucie County can remain at the forefront of responsible, sustainable development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 315.03(1), Florida Statutes, the City of Port St. Lucie hereby consents to the Port of Palm Beach District's use of the Treasure Coast Intermodal Campus property, as more particularly shown on the attached location map, for port facilities as that term is defined in Section 315.02(6), Florida Statutes.

Section 2. Furthermore, the City of Port St. Lucie consents to the Port of Palm Beach District's exercise of its statutorily granted powers in furtherance of the Port of Palm Beach District's development of port facilities on the Treasure Coast Intermodal Campus property.

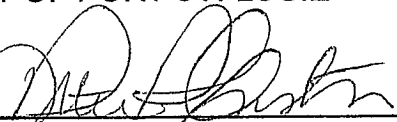
Section 3. All development at the Treasure Coast Intermodal Campus shall fully comply with all Federal, State and local laws, including but not limited to, the City of Port St. Lucie Comprehensive Growth Management Plan and City of Port St. Lucie Land Development Regulations.

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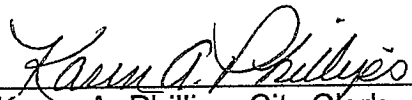
Section 4. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.


PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this 28th day of SEPTEMBER, 2009.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

BY: 
Patricia P. Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
Roger G. Orr, City Attorney

