

RESOLUTION NO. 1496

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE'S INTEREST IN THE SITING OF AN INMATE INTAKE CENTER AND MEDIUM SECURITY WOMEN'S PRISON ON THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE DAY ROAD SITE.

WHEREAS, Oregon voters in 1994 approved Ballot Measure 11, which mandates or increases prison sentences for many types of crime in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the passage of this measure, the state has determined a need for an additional 10,000 prison beds to accommodate the projected growth in prison population; and

WHEREAS, the 1995 session of the Oregon Legislature adopted House Bill 2214, which provides for an expedited siting process for new correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, this legislation requires the Oregon Department of Corrections to seek resolutions of interest from communities that are willing to host a correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this legislation, the Oregon Department of Corrections has adopted and on October 1, 1996, issued mandatory and desirable siting criteria for these new facilities; and

WHEREAS, one of the desirable siting criteria is that the facility be perceived as beneficial by the local jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville identified a potential prison site commonly known as the Day Road site, located in Wilsonville's Urban Reserve 42, and as the host jurisdiction, does indeed perceive it to be beneficial due to the potential for bringing much needed infrastructure to the area, thus facilitating the long range land use plans for industrial development in this Urban Reserve; and

WHEREAS, one of the desirable siting criteria is that a proposed site for a facility not be adjacent to a developed single family or multi-family residential area, unless the parcel is buffered; and

WHEREAS, there are few residences in close proximity to the Day Road Site and the closest residential subdivision (as defined by SB 541) is more than a mile by road, and is physically and visually completely buffered; and

WHEREAS, one of the desirable siting criteria is that a proposed site for a facility not be adjacent to a school unless the parcel is buffered; and

WHEREAS, the closest school to the site (Tualatin High School) is 1.2 miles by air and 1.8 miles by road, and is physically and visually completely buffered; and

WHEREAS, legislative leadership wrote to Governor Kitzhaber on January 30, 1998, urging him to “give careful consideration to the suggestion brought forward by the citizens of the Wilsonville community for the alternative siting of the Women’s Prison and Intake Center, and, in the event that an alternative site is viable, take appropriate executive action to re-site the facility”; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kitzhaber subsequently directed the Department of Corrections to conduct a thorough and fair evaluation of the Day Road site, which evaluation included analyses of property acquisition; public input; geotechnical studies; infrastructure agreements; permitting issues; urban reserve and urban growth boundary issues; and costs and schedules; and

WHEREAS, said evaluation found that seven of the nine property owners at the Day Road site, comprising more than 90% of the site’s acreage are willing to negotiate the sale of their property to the state, thus leading to the conclusion that the property comprising the Day Road site can be acquired in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, said evaluation found that there are no geotechnical or environmental conditions at the Day Road site that would preclude its development as a prison site; and

WHEREAS, said evaluation concluded that infrastructure will be provided to the Day Road site by the City of Wilsonville in a timely manner and at a cost that is no greater than the cost of infrastructure at the Dammasch State Hospital property; and

WHEREAS, said evaluation concluded that the permitting schedule submitted by the City of Wilsonville meets the needs of a prison construction project at the Day Road site; and

WHEREAS, said evaluation concluded that Metro and the City of Wilsonville had complied with the request of the Emergency Board to address urban reserve and urban growth boundary expansion issues in an expeditious manner; and

WHEREAS, said evaluation concluded that security concerns at the Day Road site can be and have been addressed, thus allowing for satisfactory long-term operation of a safe and secure facility; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving said evaluation from the Department of Corrections, Governor Kitzhaber rightly concluded that the Day Road site is not only a viable, but a superior site; and

WHEREAS, the site has excellent and direct access to Interstate-5 on a route which does not travel past residential subdivisions, schools, or local retail centers; and

WHEREAS, existing and planned industrial development near the Day Road site offers great potential for prison work and job training opportunities, as required by Ballot Measure 17, and local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce have expressed strong support for pursuing such opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the site has the full support of Oregonians for Responsible Prison Siting, the West Linn-Wilsonville School District, the Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce, and Wilsonville city officials; and

WHEREAS, construction of a prison at the Day Road site offers the Department of Corrections an opportunity to work with and be a part of the Wilsonville community rather than doing constant battle with it.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council of the City of Wilsonville does hereby formally reaffirm its interest in hosting a women's prison and inmate intake facility at the property commonly known as the Day Road site.
2. The City Council of the City of Wilsonville respectfully requests that the Governor and the Legislature of the State of Oregon act as expeditiously as possible to site the prison at the Day Road site.
3. The City Council of the City of Wilsonville directs the City Manager to work with staff, citizens, and the Department of Corrections to expedite

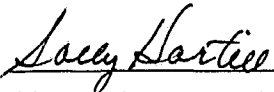
prison construction at the Day Road site in order to minimize delay and expense to the citizens of Wilsonville and the taxpayers of the Oregon.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Wilsonville at a regular meeting thereof August 3, 1998, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this date.



CHARLOTTE LEHAN, Mayor

ATTEST:



SALLY HARTILL, Deputy City Recorder

SUMMARY of Votes:

Mayor Lehan	Yes
Councilor Barton	Yes
Councilor Helser	Yes
Councilor Kirk	Yes
Councilor Luper	Absent