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## Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 8 Ordinance/Resolution# 13-107

For Meeting of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of January 22, 2013  
(Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL       LEGISLATIVE       ADMINISTRATIVE

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE MESILLA VALLEY REGIONAL DISPATCH AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING SITE SELECTION FOR A NEW FACILITY.

**PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:**

To demonstrate Council support.

<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT: ALL</b>		
<b>Drafter/Staff Contact:</b> Travis A. Brown	<b>Department/Section:</b> Fire/Administration	<b>Phone:</b> 528-3473
<b>City Manager Signature:</b>		

**BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:**

The need for a new Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority (MVRDA) facility has been identified as a priority for the region for several years. The current building is over 40 years old and was originally designed as a bank. It is located within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood zone and sits within five (5) feet of a major thoroughfare with no physical barrier to protect the building or the occupants. The lack of adequate space and amenities limits the ability to appropriately staff operations, negatively impacts morale and does not support the critical nature of the facility.

During the 2012 legislative session, the City and Doña Ana County worked together and were successful in receiving \$836,550.00 in state appropriation funding for site selection, land acquisition and design of the facility. Under the current joint powers agreement (JPA) that governs MVRDA, the County is responsible for providing facility needs, so they received the state funds. As a result, a consulting firm was contracted by Doña Ana County to conduct a comprehensive site analysis and provide a recommendation for site selection based on their findings.

The consulting firm completed their evaluation of over 40 sites and has on two (2) separate occasions presented information to the MVRDA Board of Directors. During these presentations there was considerable discussion and debate about the potential sites for a new dispatch center and the criteria used to determine viable locations. Understanding site selection is a vital component for the success of a new facility, the MVRDA Board demonstrated careful consideration of the process employed by the consultant. Subsequently, on January 9, 2013, the MVRDA Board approved a resolution recommending Doña Ana County accept the consultant's findings and take an aggressive approach towards project completion.

The proposed resolution demonstrates City Council appreciation for the diligence exhibited by the MVRDA Board of Directors in arriving at their recommendation to the Doña Ana County Commission. It also urges the Doña Ana County Commission to carefully consider the recommendation from the MVRDA Board in selecting a site that will serve the long term needs of the entire community.

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

1. Resolution.
2. Attachment "A", Copy of resolution approved by the MVRDA Board of Directors on January 9, 2013.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Is this action already budgeted?  N/A	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	See fund summary below
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund.
Does this action create any revenue?  N/A	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for FY _____
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

**BUDGET NARRATIVE**

N/A
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**FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:**

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Vote "Yes"; this will demonstrate support for the recommendation made to the Board of County Commissioners by the MVRDA Board.
2. Vote "No"; this will not demonstrate support for the recommendation of the MVRDA Board.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this would allow City Council to propose modifications to the resolution.
4. Vote to "Table"; this would allow City Council to postpone consideration of the resolution.

**REFERENCE INFORMATION:**

The resolution(s) and/or ordinance(s) listed below are only for reference and are not included as attachments or exhibits.

N/A

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

RESOLUTION NO. 13-107**A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE MESILLA VALLEY REGIONAL DISPATCH AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING SITE SELECTION FOR A NEW FACILITY.**

The City Council is informed that:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Cruces partners with other municipalities and Doña Ana County to ensure that the community is safer through effective service from the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority is currently housed in a substandard structure, originally built for a completely different purpose more than forty years ago, that limits staffing, that impacts morale, and that results in unnecessary disruptions of service; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of this community depends on the operations of the dispatch authority not being disrupted by flood, by wind, by accidents, or by willful intent; and

**WHEREAS**, the collaborative spirit manifested by the City and County working together toward this end exemplifies the cooperation necessary to accomplish great things for our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

**(I)**

**THAT** the City Council of Las Cruces expresses its appreciation for the time expended and the diligence exhibited by the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority Board of Directors in arriving at their recommendation to the Doña Ana County Commission regarding the best site for the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority.

(II)

THAT the City Council of Las Cruces urges the Doña Ana County Commission to carefully consider the recommendation made so that their choice for the location of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority serves the needs of the whole community and is one that can perform that service effectively for many years to come.

(III)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds as necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Silva: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Smith: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Pedroza: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Small: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Sorg: \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Thomas: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

**MVRDA RESOLUTION NO. 01-09-131****A RESOLUTION IN WHICH THE MESILLA VALLEY REGIONAL DISPATCH AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS RECOMMENDING TO DONA ANA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS A SITE RELOCATION FOR MVRDA OPERATIONS.**

The Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority Board of Directors is informed that:

**WHEREAS**, the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority (MVRDA) is a Joint Powers Agency consisting of representation from Dona Ana County, the City of Las Cruces, the City of Sunland Park, the Village of Hatch, the Town of Mesilla and the City of Anthony, and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Powers Agreement in effect states that Dona Ana County "shall continue to provide space, utilities, and janitorial services for MVRDA, consistent with DAC policies and procedures for providing space and services for DAC entities", and

**WHEREAS**, the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority's Board of Directors and Dona Ana County Board of County Commissioners have determined that MVRDA's operations require relocation to an alternate site and facility, and

**WHEREAS**, the Dona Ana County Board of County Commissioners have procured Steve Newby Architects to present options for site relocation for MVRDA operations, and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Newby Architects has presented alternate site options for MVRDA operations to the MVRDA Board of Directors on January 9, 2013 at their regular meeting, and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be it resolved by the governing body of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority:

(I)

**THAT**, the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority Board of Directors supports the methodology used to evaluate and rank potential sites

(II)

THAT, the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority Board of Directors recommends to the Dona Ana County Board of County Commissioners that they accept the architect's top three (3) recommended sites for the relocation of the MVRDA operations.

(III)

THAT, the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority Board of Directors recommends that the Dona Ana County Board of County Commissioners move forward with an aggressive project completion for the relocation of the MVRDA.

(IV)

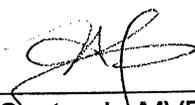
THAT, MVRDA staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE and APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

APPROVED:

Travis A. Brown  
Travis Brown, Board Vice Chairman

ATTEST:



Hugo S. Costa, Jr. MVRDA Director

VOTE:

Travis Brown	<u>Yes</u>
Chris Miller	<u>Yes</u>
Robert Monsivaiz	<u>Yes</u>
Todd Garrison	<u>Absent</u>
Gregory Z. Smith	<u>Yes</u>
Wayne D. Hancock	<u>Yes</u>
Village of Hatch	<u>Absent</u>
Kevin Hoban	<u>Yes</u>
Robert Garza	<u>Yes</u>
Sue Padilla	<u>Yes</u>
Javier Perea	<u>Yes</u>
Joaquin Graham	<u>Yes</u>

Moved by: Chris Miller  
Seconded by: Robert Monsivaiz