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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 25 Ordinance/Resolution# 15-118

For Meeting of _____
 (Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of December 1, 2014
 (Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE

TITLE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL VEHICULAR ACCESS TO SPACEPORT AMERICA FROM INTERSTATE 25, EXIT 32, UPHAM ROAD.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To support access to Spaceport America.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: N/A		
<u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> Robert Cabello	<u>Department/Section:</u> Legal	<u>Phone:</u> (575) 541-2019
<u>City Manager Signature:</u> 		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Spaceport America is a regional economic development project created and developed with support from the Governor of New Mexico, the New Mexico State Legislature, the Las Cruces City Council, the Boards of Commissioners for Doña Ana and Sierra counties, and the majority of voters in the City of Las Cruces as well as Doña Ana and Sierra counties. Business opportunities between the Spaceport and the City of Las Cruces ("City") are contingent upon full vehicular access to the Spaceport by traffic to and from the City.

Full vehicular access to Spaceport America requires: 1) an interchange at Exit 32, Upham Road, on Interstate 25 that would accommodate tour buses and oversized commercial vehicles traveling either north or south on the Interstate; and 2) an all-weather paved highway (South Road) from that interchange to Spaceport America. Neither the interchange nor the paved highway have been designed, funded or built some seven years after authorization of the Spaceport.

Adopting this resolution declares the Las Cruces City Council's full support and requests the State of New Mexico to develop full vehicular access to Spaceport America from Interstate 25, Exit 32, Upham Road.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A	Is this action already budgeted?	
	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"/> 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.	
N/A	Does this action create any revenue?	
	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

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 declare the City Council's full support for the State of New Mexico to develop full vehicular access to Spaceport America from Interstate 25, Exit 32, Upham Road.
2. Vote "No"; this will mean that the City Council does not support vehicular access to Spaceport America.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this would allow the City Council to modify the Resolution.
4. Vote to "Table"; this would allow the City Council to further direct staff.

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. 15-118**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL VEHICULAR ACCESS TO SPACEPORT AMERICA FROM INTERSTATE 25, EXIT 32, UPHAM ROAD.**

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, support for economic development is a primary means by which the State of New Mexico seeks to improve the well-being of all New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, Spaceport America is a regional economic development project created and developed with support from the Governor of New Mexico, the New Mexico State Legislature, the Las Cruces City Council, the Boards of Commissioners for Doña Ana and Sierra counties, and the majority of voters in the City of Las Cruces ("City") as well as Doña Ana and Sierra counties; and

WHEREAS, all funding for the financing, planning, designing, engineering and construction of Spaceport America (the "Spaceport") is being provided by a "County Regional Spaceport Gross Receipts Tax (GRT)" that is being paid by the residents of the City and Doña Ana and Sierra counties (the "Counties"); and

WHEREAS, business opportunities between the Spaceport and the City are contingent upon full vehicular access to the Spaceport by traffic to and from the City; and

WHEREAS, full vehicular access to Spaceport America requires 1) an interchange at Interstate 25, Exit 32, Upham Road that would accommodate tour buses and oversized commercial vehicles traveling either north or south on the interstate; and 2) an all-weather paved highway (South Road) from that interchange to the Spaceport. Neither the interchange nor the paved highway have been designed, funded or built some seven years after authorization of the Spaceport; and

WHEREAS, successful development of the Spaceport will benefit all New Mexicans.

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

(I)

THAT the City Council fully supports the State of New Mexico to develop full vehicular access to Spaceport America and requests that:

1) The Governor of the State of New Mexico direct the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to prepare the necessary studies, designs, construction documents, and funding requests necessary for construction of an interchange at Interstate 25, Exit 32, Upham Road; said interchange to be sized and configured to accommodate four buses and oversized commercial vehicles traveling in either direction on Interstate 25;

2) Both the Governor of the State of New Mexico and the New Mexico State Legislature support acceptance of the all-weather paved highway (South Road) as a state highway which will be duly maintained by the state; and

3) The interchange at Interstate 25, Exit 32, Upham Road and the all-weather paved highway (South Road) be completed at the earliest time possible in order to support successful operation of Spaceport America to capitalize on the continuing public investment in this endeavor.

(II)

THAT the Las Cruces City Council hereby requests that businesses, business organizations, governmental entities, and elected officials from throughout the region join in this request.

(III)

THAT a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Mexico, the President Pro Tempore of the New Mexico Senate, the Speaker of the

New Mexico House of Representatives, and other entities or persons as designated by the City Manager and the City Council.

(IV)

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

DONE AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

(SEAL)

VOTE:
Mayor Miyagishima: _____
Councillor Silva: _____
Councillor Smith: _____
Councillor Pedroza: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Sorg: _____
Councillor Levatino: _____

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Deputy City Attorney