

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1080

A resolution requesting, in the event the proposed Nashville Fairgrounds site for a Major League Soccer stadium proves unfeasible or otherwise does not materialize, that the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Mayor's Office, consider locating the stadium upon property owned by the Metropolitan Government in north Nashville.

WHEREAS, upon the adoption of Substitute Resolution No. RS2017-910 on November 7, 2017, the Metropolitan Council approved the issuance and sale of Bonds by the Sports Authority of the Metropolitan Government for the purposes of, inter alia, paying costs to acquire, construct, improve, renovate and equip a Major League Soccer stadium ("MLS stadium") and related facilities on a portion of the Nashville Fairgrounds site located at 300 Rains Avenue; and

WHEREAS, as expressed within the Intergovernmental Project Agreement, attached as Exhibit A to Substitute RS2017-910, the Metropolitan County Council determined that the construction of a MLS Stadium and related facilities upon a portion of the Nashville Fairgrounds site would encourage and foster economic development and prosperity for the Metropolitan Government; and

WHEREAS, a variety of measures remain to be taken before construction of a MLS stadium can proceed on the proposed Nashville Fairgrounds site, including approval by the Metropolitan Council of a site plan as part of a Specific Plan (SP) zoning designation; adoption of an ordinance receiving 27 votes allowing demolition of a portion of Fairgrounds premises; and adoption of legislation approving lease agreements; and

WHEREAS, in the event the proposed Nashville Fairgrounds site for the MLS stadium should prove unfeasible or otherwise not materialize, the economic development and prosperity that a MLS stadium provides should not be forsaken. Rather, the MLS stadium site should be relocated to Metropolitan Government-owned properties in an area in need of economic development – specifically in north Nashville; and

WHEREAS, north Nashville is home to contiguous parcels owned by the Metropolitan Government, including large acreage properties located on Rosa Parks Boulevard between Mainstream Drive and Great Circle Road, among other locations, that may be suitable for development of a MLS stadium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY THAT:

Section 1. The Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as requesting, in the event the proposed Nashville Fairgrounds site for a Major League Soccer stadium proves unfeasible or otherwise does not materialize, that the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Mayor's Office, consider locating the stadium upon property owned by the Metropolitan Government in north Nashville.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Office of Mayor Megan Barry, to the Sports Authority for the Metropolitan Government, and to Nashville Soccer Holdings LLC.

Section 3. That this Resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

DeCosta Hastings

Member of Council