

September 9, 2014

A special meeting of the Pensacola City Council was held on September 9, 2014 commencing at 2:00 P.M., with City Council President Jewel Cannada-Wynn presiding. Council Members present were Megan B. Pratt, Larry B. Johnson, Sherri Myers, Brian Spencer, Andy Terhaar, and P. C. Wu. Council Members Charles Bare and Gerald Wingate were absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Ashton J. Hayward, III, Board of County Commissioners Lumon May, Chair, Wilson Robertson, Grover Robinson, IV, and Gene Valentino, and Florida Senate President Don Gaetz.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CANNADA-WYNN:** Called the meeting to order. In reference to today's action item, acknowledged the collaboration of officials from the City of Pensacola, Escambia County, and State of Florida, many of which representatives were present in the audience. She then moved forward with the business on the agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF LEASE WITH VT MOBILE AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, INC.

Recommendation:

That City Council approve the lease between VT Mobile Aerospace Engineering, Inc. and the City of Pensacola, and authorize the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

**COUNCIL MEMBER SPENCER:** Moved the approval.

**COUNCIL MEMBER TERHAAR:** Seconded.

**MAYOR HAYWARD:** Made comments and remarked on the outstanding collaborative effort of this economic development project.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CANNADA-WYNN:** Then introduced Scott Luth, Senior Vice President of Economic Development, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce.

**MR. LUTH:** Introduced executives and guests of VT Mobile Aerospace Engineering, Inc. in attendance. He then provided a brief overhead presentation highlighting various aspects of the lease terms (on file with background materials). He also emphasized the education partnerships for workforce development.

Council Members made comments and acknowledgements.

**SENATE PRESIDENT GAETZ:** Made comments and announced \$18.6 million in State funding appropriated in support of this project.

Bill Wilson, Director of Legislative Affairs for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, made comments on behalf of Governor Rick Scott.

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On behalf of the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners, Chairman May and Commissioner Valentino made comments.

Public input was heard from Christopher J. Lewis, who made comments referencing a hand-out he provided (on file).

Council Member Myers made follow-up remarks and asked questions with Interim Airport Director Dan Flynn responding accordingly referencing the Airport Master Plan.

Further public input was heard from George Hawthorne.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CANNADA-WYNN:** Upon conclusion of discussion, called for the vote.

*(Electronic voting takes place indicating the motion passed unanimously.)*

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CANNADA-WYNN:** This being a special meeting of the Council with no other business on the agenda to be addressed, adjourned the meeting.

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 P.M.

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Adopted: September 11, 2014

Approved: Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
Jewel Cannada-Wynn, President of City Council

Attest:

Ericka L. Burnett  
Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk