

RESOLUTION 17-68

APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL'S INTENT TO PROCEED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE-ESTABLISHED SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS THE CURRENT ROSWELL INTERNATIONAL AIR CENTER (RIAC) ENCOMPASSING BOTH AIRFIELD AND LANDSIDE CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the RIAC has great potential to positively impact the economy of Roswell through high wage job creation and other economic activity and,

WHEREAS, private investment and long-term business relationships will ensure economic success at the RIAC and,

WHEREAS, the RIAC is economically important not only to the City of Roswell, but to the surrounding region as demonstrated by the regional support for the development of commercial air service from Roswell to both DFW and PHX and,

WHEREAS, it is known that private business has no desire to depend on the politically elected government, that periodically changes, when making decisions about the future of its business and,

WHEREAS, the City of Roswell contracted for two Air Center studies in 1998 and 2017, in which both studies recommended the formation of an Airport Authority and,

WHEREAS, the clear majority of airports around the country are managed through an authority structure and,

WHEREAS, the City of Roswell, with a 2016 population of 48,184 and a median household income of \$39,975, which is 74% of US median household income, (https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml), will incur extraordinary capital expenditures in the maintenance and required improvements of the RIAC in upcoming years which, without private investment, will be borne by the City's general fund and,

WHEREAS, public information and input is extremely important to the success of any major change in policy or governance and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, that:

1. The City supports negotiations by the RIAC Study Task Force with the State of New Mexico to form a Special Economic and Industrial Development District with regional governance appointed by the City Council and other local governing bodies in proportional share and,

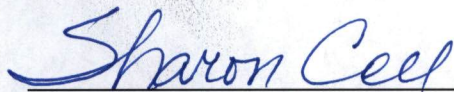
2. The City will require public hearings, and other public involvement in the development of said special economic district.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED the 14th day of December, 2017.





Dennis Kintigh, Mayor



Sharon Coll, City Clerk