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 OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN

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10 NOVEMBER 15, 2006

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 Commissioners Courtroom
 City-County Building
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1 IRVING: Good morning, and welcome to the
2 Commissioners Legislative Session. Today is November
3 15th, 2006. Before we get started with our business
4 we'd like to do the Pledge and a moment of silence.

5 (At this time the Pledge of Allegiance is
6 recited, followed by a moment of silence.)

7 IRVING: Thank you very much. Approval of the
8 minutes of the November 8th meeting, please.

9 PETERS: I make a motion to approve the minutes of
10 11/8/06.

11 IRVING: I'll second the motion. All in favor say
12 "aye."

13 PETERS: Aye.

14 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Consideration of a
15 letter in support of the rezoning of property on
16 Coliseum Boulevard for the Holiday Inn Express. Good
17 morning.

18 ROYSE: Good morning. Mark Royse, Deputy Director,
19 Economic Development. As property owner, the
20 Commissioners have--are the petitioner for the
21 rezoning from a residential to a commercial use, and
22 this is just a letter from the Board of Commissioners
23 supporting that rezoning.

24 IRVING: Yeah, Mark, I appreciate all your efforts
25 that you've done on this. You're also heading the

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1 permitting process from the City--or the coordinator,
2 I should--

3 ROYSE: Coordinator.

4 IRVING: --say. I'll entertain a motion.

5 PETERS: I make a motion to approve a letter in
6 support of the rezoning of property on Coliseum
7 Boulevard for the Holiday Inn.

8 IRVING: I will second that motion. All in favor say
9 "aye."

10 PETERS: Aye.

11 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. And this will be
12 presented, then, on the November 20th--

13 ROYSE: Twenty--20th--

14 IRVING: --20th meeting.

15 ROYSE: --next Monday night it will go before the
16 City Plan Commission.

17 IRVING: Great. Thank you very much.

18 ROYSE: Uh-huh (affirmative).

19 IRVING: Consideration of a letter of support for the
20 Fort Wayne Allen County Airport Authority Indiana
21 Shovel Ready Program application. Well, this is the
22 Mark show today, right? It's all about Mark.

23 ROYSE: Yeah. Again, this letter, with the Airport
24 Authority being a combined City/County authority, the
25 Airport Authority wanted to pursue the northwest quad
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1 property as a shovel ready site during the State's
2 second round of applications. With all the
3 investments that the airport has made, the County has
4 made, and the City has made in the airport area,
5 including the expressway and all the water and sewer
6 infrastructure, it just makes sense to take it to the
7 next step and help them--or do what we can to assist
8 them to get that designation.

9 PETERS: Any idea what the competition looks like?

10 ROYSE: All I know is from the--the first round there
11 were only 13 applications submitted. They expected--
12 the State expected a lot more. I think a lot more
13 communities are better positioned to submit the
14 second time around. They did change some of the--or
15 took out some of the requirements and amended some of
16 the requirements, so they'll have a competitive
17 application.

18 PETERS: Now, in round one they approved how many,
19 and will that likely be the number they approve in
20 round two?

21 ROYSE: Round one, the intention was to approve only
22 10, and they wanted them separated, geographically
23 disbursed around the state. After reviewing the 13,
24 they originally selected six. Allen County was one
25 of those six. And then last month, prior to
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1 announcing the second round, they had worked from
2 June to October with the six--or the other candidates
3 that weren't successful in June and brought them up
4 to qualify for the designation. So I think it's a
5 situation where they'll approve--they're not limiting
6 themselves to approving only so many this time, so I
7 think it'll be how the applications stack up against

8 one another.

9 IRVING: Originally, Commissioner Peters, they--they
10 wanted 13--no, they wanted--

11 ROYSE: Ten [10].

12 IRVING: --30. They--they thought they'd get 30
13 applicants and they would take 10.

14 PETERS: The first round?

15 IRVING: The first--

16 ROYSE: First--

17 IRVING: --round.

18 ROYSE: --round.

19 IRVING: But I think very important is, you know, we
20 got the first designation in Northeast Indiana, and
21 they want to make sure that when they--when people
22 come in from all over the world to--to view these
23 sites, that they have an option between northwest,
24 northeast, central, southeast, southwest, and
25 everything, so I think that--even though I think we
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1 have a gr--a very very good chance on this, I think

2 we still have to think that--are they going to let

3 Allen County have two of them--

4 PETERS: Yeah.

5 IRVING: --and none in Southeast Indiana, so our
6 application, I think, is very very good, but I think
7 we have to, you know, cross our fingers, because that
8 would put us two in a geographical area.

9 PETERS: Well, I would hope in part that they would
10 allow for that just given the population up here, you
11 know, our--our need to attract jobs just based on our
12 population versus, you know, someplace that's got a
13 population a lot less than we do.

14 ROYSE: One of the changes in the application was in
15 the first round, since they wanted it geographically
16 disbursed, there was a 15-point difference. If you
17 were the only community in your region submitting
18 one, you--you received 15 points. If not, you
19 received zero. Now it's a matter of if you're the--
20 they have three different layers, which you lose only
21 about five points between them. If--if you're only
22 one in a three-county area you get the maximum. If
23 you're the only one in a two-county you lose five
24 points. And if you're the only one, you know, out of

25 your county, you only get five points. It's a five,
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1 10, or 15 point deal.

2 PETERS: Well, that sounds more reasonable, I think,
3 than round one. Again, just--just given the
4 population, I mean, I'd hate to miss out just because
5 we've got, you know, more potential.

6 ROYSE: And--and Paula Hughes--Councilwoman Hughes is
7 heading up a committee, and one of the things we're
8 doing there is even though they may not get the State
9 designation, we're compiling a list of sites that we
10 will put into position to be shovel ready, and then
11 as--as the timing allows, get them designated by the
12 State. But at least we'll be able to show them as
13 meeting the State's criteria.

14 PETERS: Right. Right.

15 IRVING: And most of the time when companies come in
16 for development and they're looking into our area,
17 you know, they--they have a list of different sites
18 that they want to see, the State-designated sites,
19 which is very important because we're getting all
20 this free advertising and marketing over it. But if
21 they need something closer to an airport, you know,
22 the site is right there through the Alliance, through
23 our office, through the County, and through the City.
24 I mean, we would provide that to them, so it's not
25 like they're coming in and we're going to just show

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1 them one site.

2 PETERS: Right.

3 IRVING: It--if that--of course, we're going to show
4 them other things. But the reason we wanted in the
5 first one was so that we could get out there
6 worldwide and--and take advantage of over a million
7 dollars of marketing. And we've had some leads. We
8 haven't been successful yet on--on our first one, but
9 I feel comfortable that--that we're going to get one
10 real soon.

11 ROYSE: Well, we've taken--another thing it does is
12 takes one more--site selectors or businesses are
13 looking--they're not looking at ways to select you.
14 They're looking at ways of taking you off the list to
15 shorten their list up, and having something that is

16 designated as shovel ready keeps you in the hunt, so
17 to speak.

18 PETERS: Right.

19 IRVING: So once they come to our community most
20 likely they would--they would look at other spots if
21 the--the one--Silverado Park does not meet all their
22 need.

23 PETERS: All right, well, I make a motion to approve
24 a letter in support of the Fort Wayne Allen County
25 Airport Authority's Indiana Shovel Ready program
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1 application.

2 IRVING: I second the motion. All in favor say
3 "aye."

4 PETERS: Aye.

5 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried.

6 ROYSE: Thank you.

7 IRVING: Thank you, Mark.

8 PETERS: Thanks.

9 IRVING: Appointment to the Common Wage Committee for
10 the Amber Road Improvement, Project #01-339.

11 ELSER: The names before you today are: Ben Johnson,
12 representative of industry appointed by the owner;
13 Nelson Peters, tax payer appointed by the legislative
14 body of the County; and Brian Dumford, tax payer
15 appointed by the owner.

16 PETERS: I make a motion to approve the appointments
17 to the Common Wage Committee for the Amber Road
18 Improvement, Project #01-339.

19 IRVING: I second the motion. All in favor say
20 "aye."

21 PETERS: Aye.

22 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Do we have any plats
23 for signature today?

24 ELSER: We have no plat today.

25 IRVING: Do we have any other business to come before
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1 us?

2 ELSER: I have no other business.

3 IRVING: Ooh, that's close.

4 PETERS: Well, in that case, I'd make a motion to

5 approve to waive the second reading on any matter

6 approved today for which it may be deemed necessary

7 for the Legislative Session of November 15th, 2006.

8 IRVING: I'll second the motion. All in favor say

9 "aye."

10 PETERS: Aye.

11 IRVING: Aye. Motion carried. Do we have any
12 comments from the public? (No response). Hearing

13 none, I'll take a motion to adjourn.

14 PETERS: So moved.

15 IRVING: Second it. All in favor say "aye."

16 PETERS: Aye.

17 IRVING: Aye. Motion passed. Have a wonderful week,
18 and we'll see you next Wednesday.

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21 (Adjourned 10:21 a.m.)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

5 I, M. Joshua Osbun, a Notary Public in and
6 for the State of Indiana, County of Allen, do hereby
7 certify that the above and foregoing is a true and
8 accurate transcript of the Board of Commissioners of
9 the County of Allen, Legislative Session, held before
10 me on November 15, 2006 in the Allen County
11 Commissioners' Courtroom, Room 200, City-County
12 Building, 1 East Main Street, Fort Wayne, Allen
13 County, Indiana; that I am not related to, employed
14 by or interested in any of the parties to this cause
15 of action.

16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my
17 hand and seal this 15th day of November, 2006.

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M. Joshua Osbun, Notary Public
Residing in Allen County, Indiana

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My Commission Expires:

22 May 14, 2010