

RESOLUTION NO. 9750

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CHICAGO CUBS FOR A CITY-OWNED STADIUM, TRAINING, AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITY FOR CACTUS LEAGUE SPRING TRAINING.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS the Cactus League is an important community asset providing significant economic benefits, job creation, and community amenities for Mesa's citizens, businesses and visitors as well as significant regional and state economic benefits;

WHEREAS the Cubs have consistently generated the highest attendance in the Cactus League and are supported by a tremendous base of fans in Mesa, the region, and around the country, many of whom travel to Mesa each year for Cubs spring training games;

WHEREAS a city-owned stadium, training, and administration facility will spur additional economic and other beneficial development in Mesa and the region;

WHEREAS the parties executed a Memorandum of Understanding in January, 2010 which outlines mutual points of understanding with respect to the proposed new facilities and now intend to continue negotiations to draft a definitive agreement to include terms mutually agreeable to the City and Cubs, to be signed after approval by the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Mesa, Arizona as follows:

Section 1: The City Council authorizes and directs the City Manager to continue negotiations with the Chicago Cubs to draft a definitive agreement for the construction of a City-owned stadium, training, and administration facility for use in Cactus League spring training.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

APPROVED:



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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk