

RESOLUTION NO. 9941

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MESA AND THE CHICAGO CUBS BASEBALL CLUB, LLC TO CONSTRUCT NEW SPRING TRAINING FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs has conducted its Spring Training at facilities located within the City of Mesa for 46 years, starting in 1952; and

WHEREAS, the City desires for the Chicago Cubs to continue to conduct their Spring Training activities in Mesa; and

WHEREAS, the Cactus League Spring Training is an important community asset providing significant economic benefits and community amenities for Mesa's citizens, businesses and visitors, as well as Maricopa County and the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, attendance at Cubs spring training games is generally higher than any other Cactus League team and generates significant tax revenue for the City of Mesa, Maricopa County and the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the existing facility may be sufficient in size and scope for many purposes and teams, but does not have the capacity or amenities to maximize the benefits of the Team to the City's economy. The City is interested in providing the Team with newer facilities, in order for Cubs to cause the Team to continue to conduct its spring training, player development and related activities (collectively, "**Spring Training**") in the City, while concurrently providing greater direct (e.g. construction sales taxes) and indirect (e.g., tourism) revenues to the City; and

WHEREAS, Cubs are willing and desire to continue their Spring Training in the City, and to utilize the facilities as the Cubs West Coast Headquarters, subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, a new stadium and training facility will spur additional economic and other beneficial development in the City and State; and

WHEREAS, this proposed project is consistent with the City's general plan; and

WHEREAS, in November 2010, the Mesa voters approved Proposition 420 which authorized the City to expend in excess of \$1.5 million for the construction of a new Spring Training Facility;

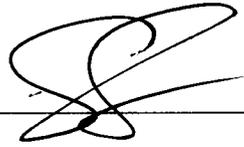
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS  
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: That the City Manager, Christopher J. Brady, or his designated representative, is authorized and directed to execute the Development Agreement (Spring Training Facilities) on behalf of the City of Mesa, together with all other documents necessary to carry out the provisions of such agreement, and the City Clerk, Linda Crocker, or her designee, is authorized and directed to attest to the signature of the City Manager or his designated representative thereon.

Section 2: That the City Manager, Christopher J. Brady, or his designated representative, is further authorized to approve minor, administrative, technical or procedural modifications to the Development Agreement as needed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa  
County, Arizona this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

