Resolution 2007-60

A Resolution Endorsing a Master Plan for County Government Space Needs

WHEREAS, the Monroe County government requires increasing amounts of space to effectively conduct the business of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the spatial integrity of the operations of Monroe County government facilities is best achieved by maintaining as many functions as possible within downtown Bloomington; and,

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2007, a coalition of Monroe County elected officials, including members of the Board of Judges, the Board of Commissioners, the County Council, and the Sheriff proposed a master plan for meeting the County's long-term space needs; and,

WHEREAS, said plan will require the issuance of bonds for its completion; and,

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Council has the exclusive authority to borrow money for Monroe County; and,

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners and County Council purchased the so-called RCA/Thomson property for the purpose of building future County facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Council believes it is in the best interest of the County to make limited use of the RCA property while preserving as many services as possible in existing facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the existing Monroe County Jail provides insufficient facilities for the growing population of inmates and the development of options for rehabilitative therapy; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council and others within the community favor the provision of treatment services and detention facilities for juvenile offenders within Monroe County; and,

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Council considers energy efficiency to be a high priority for new and existing County facilities; and,

WHEREAS, existing space needs has become a paramount concern that should be addressed in a timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Council finds it in the best interest of Monroe County to build a new corrections center and juvenile center on the RCA/Thomson property.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Monroe County Council that the Monroe County Board of Commissioners should take all appropriate steps to meet the space needs of the County, including the design, development, and construction of a new corrections center and juvenile center at the RCA/Thomson property and the renovation of the existing corrections facility for use by other County departments. Be it further resolved that in the planning and construction of these facilities the County should maintain the integrity of the Unified Monroe Circuit Court by keeping all Courts therein together at the current downtown location. Be it further resolved that said facilities shall be designed to achieve Leadership in Energy Efficiency and Design (LEED) Certification at a minimum of the "Certified" level. Be it further resolved, that the Monroe County Board of Commissioners provide a monthly progress report during the Department

Update period of each County Council Meeting. Be it finally resolved that the Monroe County Board of Commissioners should make all necessary preparations to finance these projects and should submit an Ordinance for the Sale of Bonds to the Monroe County Council within six (6) months of the approval of this Resolution.

So approved this 11th day of December, 2007.

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ATTEST: _____, 2007

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