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A RESOLUTION 2015-11-12-0059R

AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF, IN COORDINATION WITH BEXAR COUNTY ("COUNTY') AND SPURS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT ("SS&E"), TO NEGOTIATE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PURCHASE AND LEASE OF TOYOTA FIELD.

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WHEREAS, the San Antonio community has sought to attract a Major League Soccer ("MLS") franchise to the City; and

WHEREAS, recent discussions among the City, County, SS&E and representatives of Sports, Outdoor and Recreation (SOAR) Park have resulted in a concerted effort to develop a strategy that will lead to the establishment of a MLS franchise in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, the strategy includes the purchase of Toyota Field by the City and County from SOAR with a contribution from SS&E and, upon acquisition, leasing Toyota Field to SS&E for the operation of a minor league soccer team while SS&E pursues a MLS franchise; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to establish certain parameters of negotiation for the transactions which include:

(1) The City and County each providing $9 million towards the $18 million purchase of Toyota Field;

(2) The City and County creating a Public Facilities Corporation ("PFC") to acquire and maintain ownership of Toyota Field;

(3) SS&E providing $1 million for facility improvements;

(4) The City and County each providing $500,000 for facility improvements;

(5) SS&E providing $3 million to SOAR;

(6) SS&E agreeing to a 20 year lease for Toyota Field where it will operate a minor league soccer team;

(7) SS&E using best efforts to establish a MLS franchise in San Antonio throughout the lease term;

(8) SS&E agreeing to repay a cumulative amount of up to $5 million to the City and County should it be unsuccessful in establishing a MLS franchise in San Antonio prior to year 6 of the lease term; and

(9) The City and County maintaining ownership of Toyota Field; and

WHEREAS, should an agreement be reached for the purchase of Toyota Field from SOAR and subsequent leasing of Toyota Field to SS&E, then such agreements shall be brought forward to City Council for consideration; N**OW THEREFORE:**

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby direct City staff, in coordination with Bexar County and SS&E, to undertake negotiations for the purchase of Toyota Field and, upon its acquisition, to negotiate a lease agreement with SS&E in accordance with the parameters provided in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of November, 2015.

M A Y O R
Ivy R. Taylor

ATTEST:

Leticia M. Vacek
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Martha G. Sepeda
Acting City Attorney

Agenda Item:	**23**
Date:	11/12/2015
Time:	01:15:49 PM
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve
Description:	A Resolution authorizing City staff, in coordination with Bexar County and Spurs Sports & Entertainment, to negotiate the terms and conditions of a purchase agreement for the acquisition of Toyota Field and, upon purchase, to lease Toyota Field to SS&E for a term of 20 years. [Carlos J. Contreras III, Assistant City Manager; Michael J. Sawaya, Director, Convention & Sports Facilities]
Result:	Passed

Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Ivy R. Taylor	Mayor		x				
Roberto C. Treviño	District 1		x				x
Alan Warrick	District 2		x				
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6	x					
Cris Medina	District 7		x				
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				
Joe Krier	District 9		x				
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x			x	