RESOLUTION NO. 1327

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SITING OF AN INMATE INTAKE CENTER AND MEDIUM SECURITY WOMEN'S PRISON ON EITHER THE WILSONVILLE TRACT OR THE DAMMASCH STATE HOSPITAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Oregon voters in 1994 approved Ballot Measure 11, which mandates or increases prison sentences for many types of crime in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the passage of this measure, the state has determined a need for an additional 10,000 prison beds to accommodate the projected growth in prison population; and

WHEREAS, the 1995 session of the Oregon Legislature adopted House Bill 2214, which provides for an expedited siting process for new correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2214 requires the Oregon Department of Corrections to seek resolutions of interest from communities that are willing to host a correctional facility to base its siting decision in part on "The interest demonstrated by local jurisdictions in having a site selected for a corrections facility within their jurisdiction;" and

WHEREAS, many local governments adopted resolutions expressing such an interest; and

WHEREAS, the city of Wilsonville adopted no such resolution and has no such interest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to House Bill 2214, the Oregon Department of Corrections has adopted and on October 1, 1996, issued mandatory and desirable siting criteria for these new facilities; and

WHEREAS, one of the desirable siting criteria is that the facility be perceived as beneficial by the local jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, one of the desirable siting criteria is that a proposed site for a facility not be adjacent to a developed single family or multi-family residential area, unless the parcel is buffered; and

WHEREAS, one of the desirable siting criteria is that a proposed site for a facility not be adjacent to a school unless the parcel is buffered; and

WHEREAS, one of the mandatory siting criteria is that a proposed site for a facility must have infrastructure available either on-site or such that they can be provided and maintained cost effectively; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 1996, the Oregon Department of Corrections notified the City of Wilsonville that it was reviewing the Dammasch State Hospital property, approximately half of which is inside Wilsonville's city limits, and the Wilsonville Tract, a 250 acre parcel of state-owned land that abuts Wilsonville's western border as potential sites for a statewide inmate intake center and medium-security women's prison with 1,500 beds and 500 employees, even though no local official had expressed any interest in having the facility in or near Wilsonville nor had any local official expressed a perception that the facility might be beneficial to the community; and

WHEREAS, Metro has been actively seeking to purchase the Wilsonville Tract from the Common School Fund with regional Green Spaces Bond monies, in order to preserve what has been determined to be a regionally significant open space with important wetland, riparian, forest, creek, canyon and open space features; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville has been working with a consortium of state agencies to create a master plan for the Dammasch property that will guide future development on that site and ultimately create a model urban village consistent with Metro's 2040 plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE FINDS AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. Neither the Wilsonville Tract nor the Dammasch State Hospital property are appropriate sites for an inmate intake center, a medium-security women's prison or any other correctional facility for the following reasons:

A. Both sites are immediately adjacent to single-family residential areas from which the proposed facilities cannot be safely buffered;

B. Both sites are immediately adjacent to Wood Middle School and a portion of the Wilsonville Tract includes 20 acres which are projected as the future site of two more schools and these schools cannot be safely buffered from the proposed facilities;

C. Twice in the last four years, Wilsonville has had to implement mandatory water rationing schemes to cope with peak season water demand and the city lacks the infrastructure to provide for the projected water needs of a prison at either of these sites;

D. The City Council has, in response to the ongoing problem of lack of street system capacity, adopted a public facilities strategy which will have the effect of halting all new development applications in the area of the city south of Boeckman Road until these infrastructure problems can be addressed. The city lacks the transportation infrastructure to support both the construction and operation of a facility of the size proposed;

E. Siting a prison on the Dammasch Hospital property is not the highest and best use of the site, which can and should instead be used to correct Wilsonville's jobs/housing imbalance, to further regional growth management goals, and to provide an economic return to the state that is estimated to be between $75 million and $100 million;

F. Siting a prison on the Wilsonville Tract is not the highest and best use of that site, which has been determined to be a regionally significant open space and wildlife habitat;

G. Siting a prison on either the Wilsonville Tract or the Dammasch property would constitute a clear breech of trust with regard to the commitments that have been made to the city of Wilsonville by the state with regard to the planning for the future of those two sites.
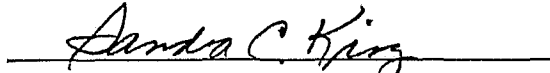
2. The city of Wilsonville opposes the siting of correctional facilities on the Wilsonville Tract or the Dammasch State Hospital property, and directs the city manager to work with staff and citizens to take any and all appropriate steps to prevent such siting.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Wilsonville at a regular meeting thereof this 21st day of October, 1996, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this same date.

GERALD A. KRUMMEL, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra C. King, City Recorder

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Krummel	Yes
Councilor Lehan	Yes
Councilor Hawkins	Yes
Councilor MacDonald	Yes