Introduced April 30, 2012, by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Lloyd

RESOLUTION R12-09

A resolution by the Slidell City Council supporting the Camellia Square Project (the "Project") located on Gause Boulevard, Slidell, Louisiana and Camellia Square's request to the St. Tammany Parish Development District to grant a payment in lieu of tax ("PILOT") for the project.

WHEREAS, the Project is currently land that is not in commerce and not generating any significant revenue for Slidell or St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Project is planned to be a community development that will include a hotel, restaurants, a shopping center and office space; and

WHEREAS, Slidell and St. Tammany Parish will benefit from additional sales taxes and hotel occupancy taxes generated by the Project and job creation; and

WHEREAS, a PILOT will not result in any reduction in revenue to Slidell or St. Tammany Parish because the Project is not currently generating significant property taxes in its current state. The sales taxes and hotel occupancy taxes generated by the Project will far outweigh any potential increase in property taxes after the Project is developed; and

WHEREAS, the prospective tenants at the Project are requesting a PILOT before they commit to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project is a necessary development for Slidell and St. Tammany Parish to further its economic development objectives. If the Project does not proceed, Slidell and St. Tammany Parish will lose out on additional sales taxes, hotel occupancy taxes and local job creation.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby support Camellia Square's request to the St. Tammany Parish Development District granting a PILOT to the Camellia Square Project located on Gause Boulevard, Slidell, Louisiana.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2012.

Kim Harbison

President of the Council Councilwoman-at-Large

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator