RESOLUTION R88-64

A resolution signifying conditions precedent to assumption of operating expenses for the Slidell Airport.

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury is unable to fund the operating expenses of the Slidell Airport due to an insufficient tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Slidell Airport Authority, the Slidell Chamber of Commerce and several members of the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury have requested the City of Slidell to fund the operations of the airport; and

WHEREAS, the cost of operating the airport presently exceeds income by approximately \$60,000; and

WHEREAS, in addition to operating expenses, the airport requires capital outlay money to repair its runways, guidance systems and sewer and water systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell is presently investigating the cost of assuming the operation of the airport and possible funding sources therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee of the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury has recommended that the airport be leased to the City of Slidell; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell is unwilling to assume operation of the airport without full control over its operations and an ability to recoup at least part of the operating deficit from potential tax revenues which could be generated from airport operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Slidell City Council does hereby signify its intent to continue investigating possible assumption of the operations of the Slidell Airport when the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury agrees to either transfer ownership of the airport or lease to the City of Slidell and agrees to annex the airport property into the City of Slidell upon assumption by the City of operating responsibility for the airport.

ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 1988.

Richard B. Van Sandt Councilman, District C President of the Council

Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council