

**A RESOLUTION BY THE PASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESTABLISHING CONNECTED CITY AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CORRIDOR
PLANNING**

WHEREAS, Pasco County, Florida, as a public-sector partner, and Metro Development Group LLC, as a private-sector partner, have established a task force to pursue a special area planning process to identify an advanced technology development corridor within Pasco County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the goal of such planning effort is to expedite the creation of the first "Connected City" in the United States, in which access to advanced technology is the catalyst for economic development and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate and the State House of Representatives for the State of Florida have pending legislation to establish Pasco County as a pilot community pursuant to the local government comprehensive planning certification program, for creation of a connected-city corridor to facilitate advanced technology industry and innovation through partnerships that support research, marketing, employment and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, Pasco County places a priority on access to technology for its residents and business constituents, encourages entrepreneurship in the field of technology, and desires to facilitate high-wage jobs for its citizens; and

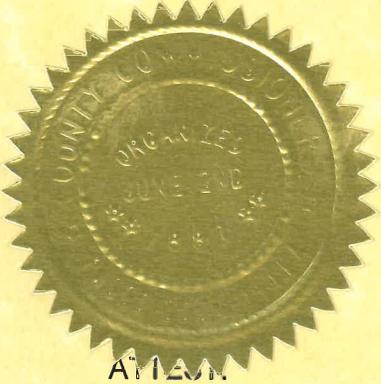
WHEREAS, the creation of the first Connected City in a greenfield development setting will allow for unique, long-range planning for advanced technology applications in public and private education, library services, health care, law enforcement, life safety and public safety, alternative transportation modes, recreation, and unknown numbers of other potential applications, the limits of which are established only by the human creativity and imagination; and

WHEREAS, both the economic and the personal quality of life can be substantially improved for the current and future residents, business owners, and workforce members of our County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Pasco County strongly supports the pending legislative efforts and welcomes the opportunity to participate as a pilot program under the local government comprehensive planning process.
- B. Pasco County strongly supports the private partner's leadership in the special area planning process and its partnership efforts with U.S. Ignite to bring the first such Connected City within the United States, to Pasco County, Florida.
- C. Pasco County is committed to full public participation in the local comprehensive planning process to establish a unique, local regulatory process that will streamline the development approval process for the advanced technology corridor, facilitate the relocation of technology-driven jobs, and incentivize the establishment and success of start-up companies and entrepreneurs.
- D. Pasco County supports the formulation of a capital improvement plan that includes advanced technology and other long-term infrastructure elements that will be required to support the Connected City.
- E. Pasco County supports the creation of a Stewardship District for the Connected City which can implement the goals and policies of the special area plan, including consideration of a technology enterprise program that can be self-funded from district development fees to provide grants, loans, and other incentives to appropriate technology start-up enterprises, and to facilitate the availability of pad-ready sites and/or occupant-ready employment space, which technology funding program may be administered by the Pasco Economic Development Council.
- F. Pasco County is committed to an expeditious regulatory review process, consistent with applicable requirements, to pursue the public-private partnership effort for the Connected City and to seek implementation thereof at the earliest practical opportunity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners in public session at Pasco County, Florida, this 5th day of May, 2015, has adopted this Resolution and authorized its Chairman and Commissioners to execute and provide same to the private partner and interested third-party public or private agencies, in support of the Connected City planning effort.



ATTEST.

APPROVED
IN SESSION

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