RESOLUTION NO. 86-M-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE "COMMITTEE FOR ORANGE-ORLANDO PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR SPORTS" TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A SPORTS COMPLEX TO ATTRACT PROFESSIONAL SPORTS AND AMATEUR SPORTING EVENTS TO ORANGE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION; PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIC TOPICS UPON WHICH THE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATION; PROVIDING FOR STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida and the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida recently finalized an agreement to provide for the funding of construction of a 15,000 seat downtown arena, which it is hoped will serve as the future home of a National Basketball Association franchise; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce statistics, between now and the year 2000 Central Florida will experience the second-fastest rate of population, employment and total personal income growth of the 38 major television markets in America that currently have professional sports; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida has determined that the location of professional sports franchises in Orange County will provide such benefits as an enhanced spirit of unity and pride in the community, a healthy outlet for residents of Central Florida and an added attraction for the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, in addition to professional sports, Orange County is a natural choice to serve as the site of the most prestigious national and international amateur sporting events; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that in order to attract professional sports and top flight amateur events to Orange County, it will be necessary to
construct a sports complex in addition to the downtown arena to house such teams and events; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Commission seeks to bring together representatives of City, County and State government, community business leaders and individuals currently involved in the effort to attract professional and amateur sports to the area for the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of attracting professional franchises and amateur sporting events to Orange County and the City of Orlando.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Committee for Orange-Orlando Professional and Amateur Sports. There is hereby created an advisory committee which shall be known as the Committee for Orange-Orlando Professional and Amateur Sports, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee," which shall investigate and make recommendations to the Orange County Commission as to the feasibility of constructing a sports complex in Orange County. In addition, the Committee shall recommend all appropriate actions necessary on the part of local and state government in order to attract professional sports and amateur sporting events to Orange County. Said purpose is hereby deemed to be a public purpose.

Section 2. Membership and Organization.

(a) The Committee shall consist of 15 members. All terms shall be for a period of four (4) years.

(1) Three of the members shall be non-elected citizens appointed by the Mayor of the City of Orlando with concurrence of the city council. Three of the members shall be non-elected citizens appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida.

(2) Three of the members shall be the following ex officio members who shall have the same full membership in every respect, including voting rights, as each of the other twelve members: A member of the city council of
the City of Orlando, to be designated by it; a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, to be designated by it; a member of the Orange County Legislative Delegation, to be designated by it.

(3) One member shall be a member of the Orlando Chamber of Commerce sports committee, one member shall be a member of Orlando Sports, Inc., and one member shall be a member of the Florida Citrus Sports Association. Each of these organizations shall be requested to nominate three individuals for service on the Committee and the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint one member from each group of three nominees.

(4) The remaining three members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners from the following categories: persons currently affiliated with the Orlando Pro Basketball organization and directly involved in its effort to bring a National Basketball Association franchise to Orlando, Florida; persons currently owning an interest in an existing professional sports franchise in Orlando, Florida; persons involved in the tourist industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development in Orange County. One appointment shall be made from each category.

(b) Said initial Committee and its membership shall organize itself within thirty (30) days after all the appointments in paragraph (a) have been made. Said appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Resolution. Should any appointments fail to be made or any of the appointees refuse to serve or be ineligible therefor, then a vacancy shall be determined to exist, and the Board of County Commissioners shall fill such vacancy by appointment. Each member shall serve until his successor shall be appointed. In the event of a vacancy in the Committee resulting from the death or resignation of any member thereof, or from any other cause, the successor of such
member shall be appointed for the unexpired term. The members shall not be entitled to any compensation for their duties.

(c) A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. A vacancy in the Committee shall not impair the rights of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the Committee.

(d) The Committee shall elect one of its members as chairman and one as vice-chairman. The Committee shall meet regularly and may adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business.

Section 3. Duties. The Committee shall undertake to provide recommendations and evaluations to the Board of County Commissioners within one (1) year of the date of its inaugural meeting on the following subjects:

(a) The type of sports complex, in addition to the downtown arena, which is most feasible from the standpoint of economy, climate and ability to attract major league sports franchises and major amateur sporting events;

(b) The potential locations for the site of a sports complex and the manner in which such sites may be acquired;

(c) The available methods of financing the construction of a sports complex, including an analysis of each method and a recommendation as to method preferred by the Committee;

(d) The professional sports which are most likely to relocate to the Orange County area and therefore should be given highest priority in terms of development of a sports complex and future presentations by the community to professional leagues;

(e) The amateur sporting events which could be attracted to Orange County and should therefore be considered in conceptual design of a sports complex;

(f) The necessity for legislation either local or state in order to facilitate the construction of a proposed sports complex.
(q) The types of professionals that should be hired to make a comprehensive, long-range master plan for the overall orderly development of a sports complex, and to develop detailed plans for specific facilities within the aforesaid master plan;

(h) A proposed time frame for the hiring of such professionals and for the completion of their plans, reports and studies;

(i) The types of presentations that should be made to professional sports leagues and to amateur athletic associations and the timing of such presentations;

(j) The sequence in which events and actions should occur in order for a sports complex to be constructed.

(k) Any other matters which the Committee deems appropriate in its endeavor to provide the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County with the information necessary to facilitate actions to attract professional sports franchises and amateur athletic events to the area.

Section 4. Support Assistance. The Committee shall have access to and the assistance of such administrative, financial, planning, legal and secretarial assistance as allocated by the Orange County Administrator in order to formulate and prepare its report and recommendations. In addition, the Committee may accept such help and assistance as may be offered by the City of Orlando or private corporations doing business in Orange County.

Section 5. Review of Committee Report. Upon receipt of the report and recommendations of the Committee within one (1) year of the date of its inaugural meeting, the Board of County Commissioners shall review the recommendations and consider such actions as are necessary to implement the report. Such actions may include expanding the Committee's duties to include the development of a comprehensive, long-range master plan for the overall orderly development of a sports complex and to develop detailed plans for specific facilities within the aforesaid master plan. In that event,
the Board shall consider the hiring of such professionals as requested by the Committee in order to develop the above described plans.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: ________________
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: ________________

ATTEST: THOMAS H. LOCKER, Clerk
to the Board of County Commissioners

By: ________________
Deputy Clerk

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