

RESOLUTION No. 31039

A RESOLUTION related to women's professional basketball and providing guidance for negotiating terms for a lease of the KeyArena at Seattle Center.

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3 negotiating terms for a lease of the KeyArena at Seattle Center.

4 WHEREAS, through Reign and Storm, women's professional basketball has persevered and
5 grown to become an important part of the sports and entertainment culture of the City of
6 Seattle; and

7 WHEREAS, a new ownership group has stepped forward to purchase the Seattle Storm,
8 committing to keep it a successful, community-oriented enterprise long into Seattle's
9 future; and

10 WHEREAS, since their inaugural season in 2000, the women of the Seattle Storm have
11 contributed thrilling play, demonstrated great sportsmanship, and stood as outstanding
12 role models for young people in our region; and

13 WHEREAS, the KeyArena at Seattle Center has been the home of Seattle Storm Basketball since
14 the team was founded in 2000; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2004 the Seattle Storm won the Women's National Basketball Association
16 Championship, brought Seattle its first professional sports championship since 1979, and
17 contributed significantly to civic pride and community spirit; and

18 WHEREAS, the City Councils and the Mayors of Seattle have for more than a decade ensured
19 that the public benefited from the success of women's professional basketball in Seattle;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, four local women with a history of civic and community involvement -- Force 10
22 Hoops L.L.C. - have secured an exclusive option to purchase the Storm and keep the team
23 in Seattle; and

24 WHEREAS, the WNBA League owners will be voting on approval of the sale of the Storm to
25 Force 10 Hoops at the end of February, and City, fan, and private sector support will send
26 a strong message that the City is willing to ensure that the Storm will be viable in
27 KeyArena while proving public benefits to the City; NOW, THEREFORE,

28 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**



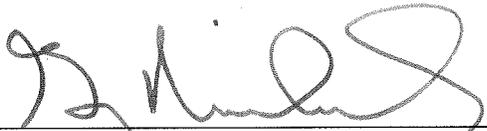
1 Section 1. The City finds that women's professional basketball is a valuable contributor
2 to the social and economic environment of Seattle. Women's professional basketball teams have
3 a long history in Seattle and attract an ardent group of fans. A women's professional basketball
4 team would be a valued tenant in a City-owned facility, such as KeyArena.

5 Section 2. The City Council requests the Mayor to direct that Seattle Center work
6 collaboratively with the new local owners to negotiate a long-term lease that enables the newly
7 independent Storm to be viable playing at KeyArena while requiring that the team provide
8 certain public benefits to the City, the taxpayers and residents of Seattle.

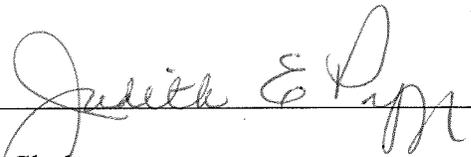
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10 Adopted by the City Council the ^{H 11/28/08} ~~14~~ day of February, 2008, and
11 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ^{H 11/28/08} ~~14~~ day
12 of February, 2008.

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15 President _____ of the City Council

16 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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19 Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

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21 Filed by me this 14th day of February, 2008.

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24 _____
25 City Clerk

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Legislation Title:

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• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This resolution requests that Executive move forward to negotiate a new lease for the Seattle Storm's use of the Key Arena at Seattle Center. While not setting out the specific terms of such a lease, the resolution does recommend that the Executive seek terms that will both benefit the City and help to ensure the viability of the Seattle Storm.

• **Background:**

A group of local buyers as recently negotiated to purchase the Seattle Storm and this ownership group has indicated an interest in securing a longer-term lease of Key Arena. The sponsors of this resolution are supportive of these efforts and hope to establish lease terms that will benefit the City financially, but also help ensure the long-term success of the team here in Seattle.

- *Please check one of the following:*

This legislation does not have any financial implications. *(Stop here and delete the remainder of this document prior to saving and printing.)*

This legislation has financial implications.

While this resolution will likely have financial implications, the impacts will not be realized until a final lease is negotiated with the Seattle Storm and ultimately approved by Council. Whether or not the new agreement represents a loss in the City's total financial compensation relative to the status quo will depend on how the new lease terms compare to the current terms. If there is a net loss in lease revenues, it will likely be felt at Seattle Center (which manages the Key Arena) and would create pressure for additional General Fund support for the Center to offset any such losses.



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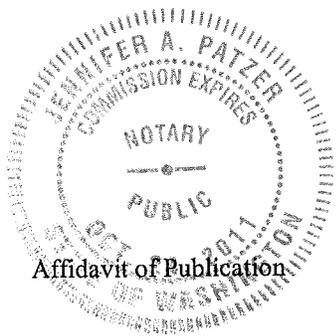
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RESOLUTION NO. 31042

A RESOLUTION approving a Seattle Streetcar Network Concept indicating potential routes for further study and analysis and outlining a City Council review process to determine whether it is feasible to develop all or portions of a streetcar network in Seattle.

RESOLUTION NO. 31041

A RESOLUTION urging adoption of legislation relating to executive session recordings during the 2008 session of the Washington State Legislature.

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