RESOLUTION NO. 718

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING A STATEMENT OF INTENT REGARDING FUTURE DIRECTION OF COOPERATIVE LIBRARY NETWORK OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville operates a public library and receives services from the Cooperative Library Network of Clackamas County (Network); and

WHEREAS, participating as a member of the Network, each library is able to provide a level of service to its patrons that, individually, no one library could afford; and

WHEREAS, Network programs and services are currently funded by a countywide property tax levy that, by virtue of transfer payments made from the levy to those libraries providing service to unincorporated area residents, allows all county residents "free" access to any library in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Network was established in 1977 by the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners which has been responsible for placing funding requests before the voters and for overseeing Network operations, assisted by a number of advisory boards; and

WHEREAS, studies conducted over the past two years have concluded that the organization, governance, and current funding approaches of the Network will be inadequate to meet the challenges ahead; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County and other jurisdictions with public libraries in the Network have expressed interest in establishing a more direct role for Network participants in the governance and administration of the Network, through the formation of a new policy-making board, the Library Network Intergovernmental Board (LNIB); and

WHEREAS, the formation of a Transition Planning Group, made up of one designated representative from each of the Cities with public libraries and a designated representative from Clackamas County will provide a way for Network participants to be

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directly involved in the timely establishment of the LNIB, in the development of its operating charter, and in its assumption of policy-making and governance responsibilities for the Network during the next two-year levy period.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Wilsonville supports the concept of creating an ORS Chapter 190 Intergovernmental organization to provide a more direct role for public library providers in the governance and financing of Network operations, programs, and services.

Section 2. The City of Wilsonville appoints the following persons to serve as its representatives on the LNIB Transition Planning Group.

Pete Wall, City Manager Designated Member Phila Schwahn, Library Director Alternate Member

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular meeting thereof on this 15th day of May, 1989, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this same date.

M. LUDLOW, Mayor

ATTEST: <u>Jera Qrojas</u>

VERA A. RUJAS, City Record

SUMMARY of Votes:

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Pete Wall City Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution Re: Library Network

DATE: May 11, 1989

A major portion of our library operation is funded by the Clackamas County levy. The purpose of the levy is to attempt to equalize taxes for support of libraries between city and non-city residents. There has been a great deal of debate between cities and the county on this issue, and the equalization payments have been negotiated for the period of the present two-year levy.

In addition to financing, the Library Network provides some shared services such as material exchange and computerization.

A next step in the Network's operation is to continue to look at funding and also how it should be managed. I believe the long-range goal is to achieve a funding system which is equitable and further agreements as to how the Network will be operated. A process has been set up to provide for a transition planning group to look at these issues. The planning group is intended to include all participants in the Network. There are some major policy issues to be considered. A successful library network is critical to the operation of our local library.

Each jurisdiction has been asked to adopt a resolution supporting the planning group and designating a member and alternative member. I plan to attend the meetings where overall policy issues are discussed and have Phila Schwahn attend those geared toward network operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the resolution.

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