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All department items requiring Council approval must be submitted through the Mayor's Office.

Primary Details

Board Approval _____ Department City Council _____ Contact Name Chris Baughman for Councilor Grant Miller _____ Resolution Type Expression of Support/Opposition/Intention _____ <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%;">Amount</td> <td style="width:50%;">Case Number</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table> Description (Subject) Opposition to proposed repurposing of Tulsa USPS processing facility _____ <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%;">Section</td> <td style="width:50%;">Township</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lot</td> <td>Block</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	Amount	Case Number	_____	_____	Section	Township	_____	_____	Lot	Block	_____	_____	Other Board Name _____ Email dist5@tulsacouncil.org _____ Owner-Grantor _____ TMAPC Number _____ Bid/Project Number _____ Range _____ Address _____ City Council Approval <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Phone 918-596-1990 _____ Council District _____ Addition _____
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Budget

Funding Source(s)

TOTAL:

Enter the funding source(s) using the appropriate Munis funding format: Org (Allocation Code)-Object-Amount (1001211-531401-\$10.00) or Project String-Amount (144104.AbstrTitle5413102.6001-4043122-541102-\$30,000.01)

Approvals

Department: <u>Saul Davis</u> Legal: _____ Board: _____ Mayor: _____ Other: _____	Date: <u>3/22/24</u> Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____
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Policy Statement

Background Information

The United States Postal Service is considering plans to repurpose its Tulsa mail processing facility, which may adversely impact the jobs of Tulsans and delay the delivery of necessary medications, household goods, and other time-sensitive communications by sending mail and packages to the USPS facility in Oklahoma City before being delivered to Tulsans. A comprehensive public input strategy is necessary to ensure the local impacts are thoroughly evaluated before final decisions are made regarding this facility.

Provide background information on the requested action.

Summation of the Requested Action

Request approval by the Council and Mayor.

Summarize the pertinent details of the requested action.

Emergency Clause?

Yes

No

Reason for Emergency Clause

USPS provides critical services to the community including delivery of essential health care items and critical business communications. It is essential for the public peace, health, and safety of the community that local impacts are thoroughly evaluated prior to a final decision regarding this facility.

Explain why you are requesting that the City Council approve the action with an emergency clause.

Processing Information for City Clerk's Office

Post Execution Processing

Mail vendor copy (add'l signature copies attached)

Must be filed with other governmental entity

Add'l governmental entity approval(s) required

Additional Routing and Processing Details

Published in the Tulsa World

_____ day of _____ 2024

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, URGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CONSIDER LOCAL HEALTH, ECONOMIC, AND COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF CLOSURE OR REPURPOSING OF THE TULSA PROCESSING CENTER; URGING THE EXTENSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT; ENCOURAGING A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO RESTRUCTURING EFFORTS; REQUESTING THE OKLAHOMA FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ENSURE DECISIONS ARE MADE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF TULSANS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, The Post Office Department was founded in 1775 with Benjamin Franklin as the first Postmaster General and since that time has played an unparalleled and critical role in building the United States by connecting our citizens, communities and country; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution ensured these crucial services were preserved and guaranteed when it gave Congress various powers related to the postal service; and

WHEREAS, the Postal Act of 1792, signed into law by President George Washington established the foundation of our modern Postal Service with a commitment to freedom of the press, privacy and commerce; and

WHEREAS, today postal facilities often serve central functions in a community including key roles such as the delivery of everyday necessities and vital medical supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Tulsa Processing Facility is staffed by dedicated and hardworking professionals who swear an oath to the Constitution of the United States and our Postal Workers live by their creed: “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these carriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds”; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service (USPS) is currently engaged in a public input process to evaluate a recommendation to repurpose the U.S. Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center in Tulsa which would result in some mail processing operations to be moved to Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, the removal or repurposing of the Tulsa Postal Processing facility may adversely impact Tulsa residents including our veterans, elderly, people with disabilities and households without a transportation or internet access; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Tulsa’s postal processing facility may negatively impact continuity of business operations, time-sensitive communications, and employment opportunities for processing center employees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TULSA THAT:

Section 1. The City of Tulsa urges the USPS to consider local health, economic, and community impacts and particularly adverse impacts on low- and moderate-income households, the elderly and the disabled before it attempts to close or repurpose the Tulsa Processing Center.

Section 2. Further, that the City of Tulsa urges USPS to extend the public comment period and broadly engage all viewpoints and stakeholders on this topic including, but not limited to, Tulsa citizens and surrounding impacted communities; local government representatives; employees and management including, but not limited to, plant managers, district managers and postmasters of Tulsa and Oklahoma City USPS facilities; and neighborhood and business representatives.

Section 3. Further, the City of Tulsa encourages USPS to take a comprehensive approach to restructuring that does not rely disproportionately on degraded services to Tulsa and surrounding rural areas.

Section 4. Further, that the City of Tulsa urges the Oklahoma Federal Congressional Delegation to actively engage on this issue and ensure any decisions related to Tulsa facility operations are in the best interest of the health and economic welfare of the Tulsa community.

Section 5. That an emergency is now declared to exist for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety and for this reason this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

ADOPTED by the Council: _____
Date

Chair of the Council

ADOPTED as an emergency measure: _____
Date

Chair of the Council

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Received by the Mayor: _____, at _____.
Date Time

G. T. Bynum, Mayor

By _____
Secretary

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma: _____,
Date
at _____.
Time

Mayor

(Seal)
ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED:

City Attorney