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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE EVENTS CAMPUS STUDY GROUP MEETINGS BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

WHEREAS, the Events Campus Study Group was formed to evaluate the current and future needs of the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center campus, and make recommendations that will enhance the success of the campus and its economic impact for the community;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office has publicly stated that the Events Campus Study Group meetings will be closed to the public;

WHEREAS, the City Council is elected to represent the citizens of Sioux Falls, and serve as the city's policy making body and legislative body;

WHEREAS, the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center campus includes public property that is comprised of the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center, Sioux Falls Convention Center, Arena, Sioux Falls Stadium, Howard Wood Field, and land leased by the Sheraton Hotel;

WHEREAS, the public overwhelmingly supported the construction of a \$115 million multipurpose event center with 58 percent in the Nov. 8, 2011 advisory election;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the public has a financial interest in the future of the event center campus;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that there is a rational presumption by the public that city-initiated working groups, task forces, and committees are open and accountable to them;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that South Dakota's open meeting law embodies the principle that the public is entitled to the greatest possible information about public affairs, and is intended to encourage public participation in government;

WHEREAS, a publication by the South Dakota Attorney General, South Dakota Municipal League and others entitled, *Conducting the Public's Business in Public* states that task forces, committees, and working groups that are advisory only may not be subject to the open meetings law, but are encouraged to comply to the extent possible when public matters are discussed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds no compelling argument offered to support closed meetings of the Events Campus Study Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SIOUX FALLS, SD:

That that the City Council strongly recommends that all Events Campus Study Group meetings be open to the public.

Date adopted: _____.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk