

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-12**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF COLLIER COUNTY TO KEEP TRACT K WITHIN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.**

**WHEREAS**, Tract K is an 11.6 acre parcel on Marco Island that was originally owned by the Deltona Corporation and donated to the District School Board of Collier County for school sites; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994 the Marco Island Vision Advisory Committee was formed to develop the Marco Island Master Plan and listed Tract K as property that should be "land banked;" and

**WHEREAS**, in May 1997 the Marco Island Civic Association asked Collier County to purchase Tract K for a park, civic, or cultural center; and

**WHEREAS**, Collier County considered the creation of a Municipal Service Taxing Unit to purchase and develop Tract K for the public benefit with the understanding that the School Board would sell the parcel to Collier County; and

**WHEREAS**, Marco Island incorporated in August 1997 and in April 1998 the City's Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommended to City Council that Tract K remain in the City's plans for purchase for an educational/community/civic center; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 1998 District Superintendent Dan White affirmed the District's understanding of the City's interest in acquiring Tract K and that the property would be held for the City's consideration, and that the School Board was willing to be patient and allow the process to proceed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager advised the School Board in May 1998 of the City's interest in negotiations for the acquisition of Tract K, and in July 1998 the School Board advised that the appraised value of the property had increased to \$1.8 million; and

**WHEREAS**, before the City was able to respond to the increased price of the property the City learned that the School Board was considering retaining Tract K for a future school site; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 1998 the School Board reversed its position and voted to retain Tract K as a future school site; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2006 the City learned of the School Board's plan to sell Tract K on the open market for private development without any notice to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board failed to consult with the City Council prior to the decision to sell Tract K, to consider the potential use as a future charter high school, and to consider other valid public needs over a twenty-year planning period; and

**WHEREAS**, property owners of Marco Island contribute over \$56 million in property tax revenue to the District School Board of Collier County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Marco Island City Council, in Council duly assembled, that the District School Board of Collier County is urged to maintain ownership of Tract K in order that the 11.6 acre parcel may remain in the public domain for the benefit of the residents of Marco Island.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District School Board of Collier County is urged to consider the granting or leasing of Tract K to the City in order that the parcel may be used for the benefit and enjoyment of Marco Island citizens.

Passed in open and regular session of the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006.

Attest:

/s/ Laura Litzan  
Laura Litzan, City Clerk

/s/ Terri DiSciullo  
Terri DiSciullo, Council Chairwoman

