

**A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**

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**BY COUNCILMEMBERS C.T. MARTIN AND H. LAMAR WILLIS**

**A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE NEGOTIATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH FULTON COUNTY AND/OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES FOR THE SALE OR LEASE OF THE ATLANTA DETENTION CENTER, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, due to operational changes and efficiencies, the City of Atlanta (the “City”) no longer requires as many detention center beds as it has in the past; and

**WHEREAS**, Fulton County (the “County”) is in need of substantially more beds than it currently has, and has been leasing beds in jurisdictions many miles from the County courthouses; and

**WHEREAS**, other parties may be interested in purchasing or leasing the Atlanta Detention Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the sale or lease of the Atlanta Detention Center to Fulton County or to other interested parties, demonstrates good government at its best to the taxpayers of Fulton County and the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, tax-paying citizens in both the City and the County will see two governments coming together to solve Public Safety and Financial related problems in ways that produce winning solutions to both governments and the same being true with respect to the purchase or lease of the Atlanta Detention Center by other interested parties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City Negotiation Team which shall consist of the Mayor and three (3) members of the City Council to be chosen by the full Council (the Negotiation Team), is hereby authorized to enter into negotiations with the County and/or with other interested parties for an agreement for the sale or lease by the City, of the Atlanta Detention Center to the County or to any such other interested party.
2. The Negotiation Team is also hereby authorized to enter into negotiations with the County and/or with other interested parties on behalf of and in the best interest of all current Correction Officers and all other staff of the Atlanta Detention Center with the goal of retaining as many of the existing positions and personnel as possible.
3. The Negotiation Team is further authorized to cause the aforesaid agreement to be presented to the Atlanta City Council for approval such that the execution of same can be accomplished on or before September 1, 2009 in order that the contemplated savings all parties can begin timely, in accordance with budget projections.