

**ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of August 20, 2009**

**TO:** The Honorable Jeff Danner, Chair, and Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** Authorizing the naming of the new terminal building at the Albert Whitted Airport as the "John and Rosemary Galbraith Terminal".

**EXPLANATION:** On October of 2007 the City completed construction of the Intermodal General Aviation Center ("IGAC") at the Albert Whitted Airport. The IGAC included a ±10,600 sq/ft terminal building, ±12,200 sq/yd airside ramp and a 64-space landside parking lot. The IGAC is the centerpiece of the airport and is part of the ±\$10 million in capital investment the City has put into the Airport since the 2003 referendum vote.

Providing the funding to complete the IGAC was a major obstacle to starting the project. The City was able to leverage various state, federal and local funding sources to complete the funding necessary. The Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT"), offered to provide 80%, or \$3,200,000, in funding toward the construction of the terminal and landside portions of the IGAC project. However, the FDOT funding could only be disbursed to the City in partial installments over a six (6) year period. Mr. John Galbraith, owner of Galbraith Properties, Inc., offered to provide the City an interest free loan of \$3,200,000 so construction could begin immediately. The City re-pays the loan each year as the FDOT grant funding is released. The loan will be paid off in 2011.

Mr. Galbraith also provided a \$400,000 contribution that was used to provide half (½) of the City's 20% match requirement of the FDOT grant.

Because of Mr. Galbraith's loan and contribution, the City was able to start construction in 2006. Construction was completed in October of 2007, with the first tenant moving in the following month.

This item was presented to City Council for a First Reading on August 6, 2009.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Mayor recommends the adoption of the attached ordinance approving the naming of the new terminal building at the Albert Whitted Airport as the "John and Rosemary Galbraith Terminal".

**ATTACHMENT:** Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION  
2-370 OF THE CITY CODE TO ADD A  
NEW SUBSECTION (b)(6); NAMING  
THE NEW TERMINAL BUILDING AT  
THE ALBERT WHITTED AIRPORT;  
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has received a recommendation from the Public Service and Infrastructure Committee to name the new terminal building at the Albert Whitted Airport the "John and Rosemary Galbraith Terminal"; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the City secured a Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") Grant in the amount of \$3,200,000 that provided 80% of the construction funding for a new airport terminal which is being disbursed to the City over a six (6) year period; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Galbraith provided the City with an interest free loan in the amount of \$3,200,000 and a one time contribution of \$400,000 to provide half (1/2) of the City's 20% match requirement for the FDOT, so that construction of the terminal building could proceed immediately; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the loan and contribution, in 2007 the City built a new City-owned terminal building at the Albert Whitted Airport; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Galbraith was instrumental in establishing Franklin Templeton Funds presence in St. Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, because of his love of aviation and the Albert Whitted Airport, former Marine pilot and Commercial Airline pilot John Galbraith found the perfect location for his own personal aircraft; and

WHEREAS, John and Rosemary Galbraith's generous philanthropy has expanded the cultural and educational opportunities to the St. Petersburg community including Eckerd College, Florida International Museum, Mayor's Mentors and More Program, and the Pinellas Education Program; and

WHEREAS, John and Rosemary Galbraith have embodied the spirit of generous corporate citizenship, philanthropy and community service since they became citizens of St. Petersburg in 1978.

THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG DOES ORDAIN:

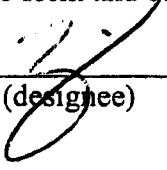
Section 1. The property described in Section 2 of this Ordinance is hereby named the "John and Rosemary Galbraith Terminal."


Section 2. The St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2-370(b)(6), to read as follows:

(6) The terminal building located at the Albert Whitted Airport, 540 1<sup>st</sup> Street Southeast, is named the "John and Rosemary Galbraith Terminal."

Section 3. In the event this Ordinance is not vetoed by the Mayor in accordance with the City Charter, it shall become effective after the fifth business day after adoption unless the Mayor notifies the City Council through written notice filed with the City Clerk that the Mayor will not veto the Ordinance, in which case the Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon filing such written notice with the City Clerk. In the event this Ordinance is vetoed by the Mayor in accordance with the City Charter, it shall not become effective unless and until the City Council overrides the veto in accordance with the City Charter, in which case it shall become effective immediately upon a successful vote to override the veto.

Approved as to form and content:

  
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City Attorney (designee)

  
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Downtown Enterprise Facilities Director