

**ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REPORTS**

Meeting of November 5, 2009

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

Subject: Resolution authorizing the mayor to sign a memorandum establishing a twin-city relationship with Figueres, Spain, birthplace of artist Salvador Dali.

Explanation: Figueres, Spain is a coastal city located in Girona, Spain. It is the birthplace of Salvador Dali and home to his self-designed Teatro-Museum Dali. Both the mayors of St. Petersburg and Figueres have expressed interest in formalizing a relationship between the two cities, for the purpose of exchanging ideas and advances in the areas of the economy, trade, science and technology, education, sports, health and of course arts and culture.


A memorandum between the two mayors will solidify the relationship and encourage the staff and peoples of each city to communicate on a more regular basis.

The International Relations Committee and the Executive Director of St. Petersburg's Salvador Dali Museum support this effort.

Cost/Funding/Assessment Information: Not applicable.

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Resolution No. 2009 - ____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM ESTABLISHING A TWIN-CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH FIGUERES, SPAIN FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEVELOPING AND ENHANCING THE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES AND PROMOTING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THEIR PEOPLES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, cultural exchanges are an integral part of the City's history and future; and

WHEREAS, Figueres is a coastal city located in the province of Girona, Catalonia, Spain; and

WHEREAS, Figueres is the birthplace of famed artist Salvador Dalí and the home of the Teatro-Museo Dalí, a theater-museum designed by Dalí himself; and

WHEREAS, St. Petersburg has enjoyed being the home of the Salvador Dali Museum, permanent home of the world's most comprehensive collection of the renowned Spanish artist's work; and

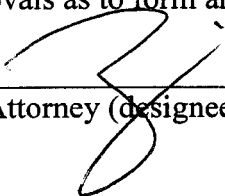
WHEREAS, a new 66,000 square foot museum is under construction and is expected to open at the Progress Energy Center for the Arts along the downtown waterfront on January 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, both cities will benefit from a twin-city relationship which will provide opportunities for exchanges in the fields of economy, trade, science and technology, culture, education, sports, health and many others.

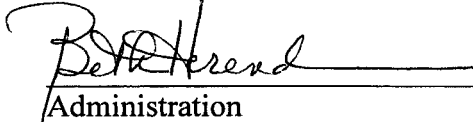
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, that this Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a memorandum establishing a twin-city relationship with Figueres, Spain.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals as to form and content:



City Attorney (designee)



Administration