

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-305**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

August 14, 2012

### **RATIFYING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHONGQING, CHINA**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The municipality of Chongqing, China, and the City of Sacramento have strong mutual goals and complementary advantages for building a cooperative business and economic cooperation agreement between the two cities.
- B. Areas of mutual interest include clean-energy technology, agriculture and food safety, education and public administration, and operational experience exchange.
- C. The City of Sacramento has entered into discussions with the Chongqing Foreign Trade and Economic Relations Commission (“**COFTEC**”) to explore entering into a partnership of mutual benefit.
- D. A ceremonial signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sacramento and COFTEC (the “**MOU**”) was held on July 23, 2012. The purpose of the MOU is to set forth the framework for cooperation and to suggest potential projects and fields of collaboration.

#### **BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Council hereby ratifies the MOU with COFTEC.
- Section 2. The City Manager is directed to plan a business festival in Chongqing, China, in 2013 and a Chongqing Festival in Sacramento in 2014 in compliance with the laws of China and the United States.
- Section 3. The City Manager is directed to establish a year-round Sacramento Trade and Education Office in Chongqing, China, in compliance with the laws of China and the United States, for the primary purpose of transacting business that is favorable to the City of Sacramento.
- Section 4. The City Council hereby appropriates from the General Fund Administrative Contingency Fund, for use in implementing the direction given to the City Manager in sections 2 and 3 during fiscal year 2012-2013, the amount of \$97,688. Funding for future fiscal years will be determined as part of each year's budget-development process.

Section 5. The City Manager is directed to explore the opportunity of establishing a Clean Energy Tech Center in Chongqing, China.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on August 14, 2012 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ashby, Cohn, D Fong, R Fong, McCarty, Pannell, Schenirer, Sheedy.

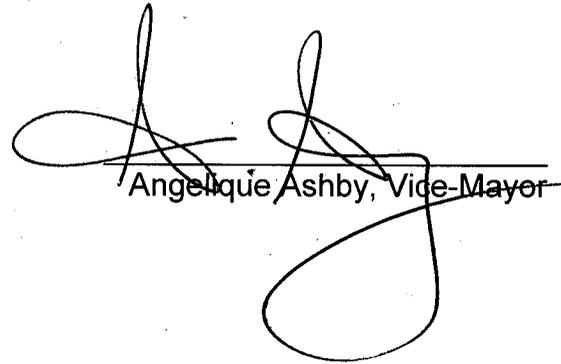
Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Mayor Johnson.

Attest:

  
Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

  
Angelique Ashby, Vice-Mayor