

RESOLUTION R-21-2010

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO DIRECT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS) TO ELIMINATE FROM CONSIDERATION THE CLOSURE OF THE OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN FACILITY IN LIEU OF CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES AT THE GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN FACILITY

Introduced by Alderman Taylor:

Whereas, the United States Postal Service (USPS) is currently conducting a study on the feasibility of moving 549 mail operations to Green Bay WI; and

Whereas, this consolidation will not serve the public's best interest due to: the potential loss and/or relocation of local living-wage jobs and benefits; the negative impact the loss of these jobs would have on the entire Fox Valley economy, housing and related commerce; degradation of current service levels; increased transportation costs; and consolidation and relocation costs; and,

Whereas, the potential loss and/or relocation of local living-wage jobs would have a detrimental effect on Fox Valley economies in terms of business and commerce; and would negatively impact local housing and the resultant tax base relied upon to support local municipal, school district, technical college, county, and State of Wisconsin tax base.

Whereas, 79% of mail processed at the Oshkosh, WI facility currently moves within the originating and destination zip codes within the 549 index, including 52 cities and surrounding areas, and to move the processing to Green Bay, WI would add unwarranted transportation costs and additional expense to the USPS; and

Whereas, 549 mail will need to travel farther distances to return to its originating offices, resulting in later delivery times, which would have a detrimental impact on Fox Valley businesses and residents.

Resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Menasha, does hereby request Congressional intervention on this proposal *until a General Accounting Office investigation can be conducted on the feasibility study* concerning potential living-wage job loss and/or relocation, increased transportation costs, degradation of service, and consolidation costs now serviced by Oshkosh; and be it further,

Resolved, that if the *investigation* results in undue Fox Valley job losses and/or relocations, increased cost of transportation, processing, or delivery of the originating mails or a reduction of the delivery standards for those communities now serviced by the Oshkosh, WI facility, then Congress shall intervene and remove from consideration any consolidation efforts for the 549 zip code.

Passed and approved this _____ day of September, 2010

Donald Merkes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk