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Minutes of Airport Authority Meeting

11 February, 2013

6:00PM

Attendees:

Cmr. Dick Morrow (C)

Cmr. Raymond Ray

Mr. Carl Pruett

Mr. Brett Lavender (VC)

Cmr. Bart Miller

Mr. Larry Johnson

Cmr. Joanne Todd (Sec)

Mr. Ron Alexander

Also in Attendance:

Mr. Robert Mohl (Airport Director)

Mr. Taurus Freeman (Director, City of Griffin Planning & Development)

Mr. Ray Lightner (Griffin Daily News)

Mr. James McLendon

Ms. Debbie Huffman

Mr. Louis Thacker

Mr. Todd Thacker

I. Call to Order:

At 6:00PM with a quorum present the Chairman, Cmr. Morrow, called the meeting to order.

- II. Adopt Minutes:** The Chairman made a request to entertain a motion to accept the minutes from the Airport Authority Meeting held on 14 January 2013. Mr. Carl Pruett motioned to approve the minutes, Cmr. Joanne Todd seconded. Mr. Brett Lavender abstained. The motion was approved (7-0-1).

III. Old Business: Non-Essential for Aviation Use (see map & letter attached)

AD stated that he mailed a copy of the color coded airport map along with a copy of the minutes from each Board of Commissioner's (City & County) approving the request to identify the areas as "Non-Essential for Aviation Use" to GDOT for review. GDOT will advise the next steps are once they review the request. AD stated that the current ALP (Airport Layout Plan) is about to expire and that once he receives the direction from GDOT he will update the ALP, pending GDOT's decision the new ALP may include the identified non-essential areas.

IV. New Business:

a. Changes to Chapter 18, City Code of Ordinances: AD briefed the Authority on issues regarding parking of aircraft and personal vehicles on the airfield blocking aircraft movement areas. AD recommends changes (see Letter attached) to tighten code in order to better enforce parking rules and lessen instances of blocking movement areas, safety hazards and or incursions that may injure or damage persons and property. AD provided power point photos illustrating examples of safety hazards, environmental hazards & movement area blockages that need to be addressed in the current code. Cmr. Morrow summarized the letter to tenants & recommended changes. Cmr. Morrow recognized Mr. Louis & Todd Thacker. They requested that the proposed changes be applied fairly & uniformly to all tenants and to use sound judgment when determining violations. Cmr. Todd asked if the FAA will need to approve these as well. AD replied that these are changes to the city code only and require only the city's approval. AD stated that he will provide GDOT a copy of the changes to keep them informed of the issues. Cmr. Todd recommended the AD pass this along quickly to the City. AD stated that he will forward it to the City Commission as soon as it is reviewed by the City Attorney & City Manager and will be included in a block change the City will be requested to review. Raymond Ray motioned to approve the change request letter and to recommend the City approve the changes as specified to chapter 18 of the city code of ordinances, Mr. Larry Johnson seconded and the motion was passed (8-0).

b. McLendon Property (see FAA Form 7460 & map attached) AD briefed the Authority on the response letter from the FAA regarding the form 7460 submitted by Mr. McLendon to rebuild his apartment building that was destroyed by fire. FAA's response is that it is their opinion that it would violate the "object free area" and would cause a hazard to navigable airspace. Mr. McLendon informed the board that he would lose money from the insurance company and future revenue from prospective tenants if he could not rebuild his building. Mr. Taurus Freeman indicated staff has been working with Mr. McLendon for some time in trying to resolve the issue but, that since the FAA has deemed the request a hazard and a violation the City P&Z staff recommend denial of the request to re-build. P&Z staff is also searching its property roster to see if there is a suitable piece of property that may be swapped with Mr. McLendon. Mr. McLendon indicated that he would have no other recourse but to obtain legal representation as he purchased the existing structure and operated an apartment complex there prior to the fire. AD stated that he understood Mr. McLendon's position but that he is obligated to follow FAA regulations regarding new construction on or near the airport. When the building burned down and Mr. McLendon requested to re-build that was considered new construction and because of its close proximity to the runway FAA required the form 7460 be submitted. AD stated that had we not followed the regulation and an accident occurred the airport would then be in danger of being liable because of the allowance of the violation. Mr. McLendon provided the Authority with a copy of the federal regulation regarding Land Acquisition. Cmr. Morrow informed Mr. McLendon that as of now the Authority does not have the ability to rectify the issue that it is still the City & County's property. AD stated that he will consult with FAA/GDOT to see if there is grant money available to purchase the property.

c. GAA Aviation Day at the Capitol: AD briefed the Authority on the Georgia Airport's Association effort to have as many people involved with Georgia Airport's to attend on the 21st of February, the Aviation Day at the Capitol in order to meet with respective representatives impressing upon them the need to protect aviation infrastructure funding. Airport's are gateways and economic engines for communities and that in spite of cuts to State Aviation Programs, Georgia Airports generate 62 billion dollars to the state's economy. AD stated that he intends to attend the event and encourages all members of the Authority, if their schedules permit, to attend. Commissioners Morrow & Todd indicated their intention to attend.

V. Audience Comments: None

VI. Report of Committees:

- a. Budget & Finance – included in Transition Committee Meeting
- b. Legal & Insurance – no report at this time
- c. Personnel – included in Transition Committee Meeting
- d. Property & Assets – included in Transition Committee Meeting
- e. Transition – Cmr. Morrow briefed the Authority on his meeting with Carol Comer and city / county staff members working on transition (see attached).

VII. Airport Director's Report: AD provided seven month summary of FY 13 (01 Jul 12 – 31 Jan 13) airfield activity, operations, budget expenditures, fuel flowage, fuel sales & ground lease revenues (see reports attached).

VIII. Authority Board Member Comments:

1. Cmr. Raymond Ray elaborated on the plan for he and the AD to establish published milestones / timeline as we progress through transition as well as the new airport construction project.
2. Cmr. Morrow presented AD with Airport Bird House for an excellent job in preparing briefs & summaries for the Chairman keeping him up-to-date on transition of current airfield operations as well as the new airport initiative.
3. Cmr. Morrow recognized Mr. Carl Pruett on his efforts in working with Mr. Matt Brass of Representatives Westmorland's office and with members of an organization researching opportunities for development on the airfield within the TV & Film Industry.

IX. Next Airport Authority Board Meeting : 11 March, 2013 6PM
Location : One Griffin Center

X. Adjournment: At 7:23PM The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, **Mr. Larry Johnson** motioned to adjourn & **Mr. Carl Pruett** seconded, the motion was unanimously passed, (8-0).

Respectfully Submitted:

Joanne Todd
Secretary,
Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority

C:
Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority
Airport Advisory Board
Kenny Smith, City Manager
William Wilson, County Manager