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Minutes of Airport Authority Meeting 08 April, 2013 6:00PM

Attendees:

Cmr. Dick Morrow (C)	Mr. Brett Lavender (VC)	Cmr. Joanne Todd (Sec)
Cmr. Raymond Ray	Cmr. Bart Miller	Mr. Carl Pruett
Mr. Larry Johnson	Mr. Keith Smith	Mr. Ron Alexander

Also in Attendance:

Mr. Kenny Smith (City Manager)
Mr. William Wilson (County Manager)
Mr. Robert Mohl (Airport Director)
Mr. Ray Lightner (Griffin Daily News)

I. Call to Order:

At 6:04PM 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 11 April 2013. Mr. Carl Pruett motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Brett Lavender seconded. The motion was approved (9-0).

III. Old Business:

a. Airport Proposed Budget Review:

AD provided presentation reviewing line item detail of proposed FY 14 Airport Operating Budget submission to City & County (see attached).

b. Discuss Intergovernmental Agreement:

City passed 1st Draft reading of the IGA. There was a supposed misunderstanding Cmr. Morrow wished to clear up. The clarification is that the City & County do not fund the entirety of the operating budget. They fund jointly the operating deficit after revenues are applied. In addition this is putting in writing our handshake agreement that has been the tradition for many years between the city & the county. This will go before the County for approval this coming Monday night.

- c. Support Letter:** The support letter was unable to print coming from an Apple Mac Computer transmitted to the city Microsoft Computer system. AD will get hard copy along with the 2013 Development Plan and send to the multiple city & county governmental institutions.

IV. New Business:

- a. PDK Presentation Recap:** Cmr. Morrow addressed the Authority reviewing the presentation by Mike Van Wie, Airport Director at PDK (see attached). "We have a great story...but nobody knows it." "One mile of road gets you down the road one mile...One mile of runway gets you anywhere in the world." AD briefly went over 6A2 similar slide show presentation (see attached).

V. Audience Comments:

VI. Report of Committees:

- a. Budget & Finance – Budget Presentation
- b. Legal & Insurance – no report at this time
- c. Personnel – no report at this time
- d. Property & Assets – no report at this time
- e. Transition – AD reported that he has the template from the attorney for the Lease Assignments, the airport staff will begin assembling those for review. Also, AD received verbal confirmation from GDOT / FAA the funding for the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) has been approved as an AIP eligible item to be included in our grant in order to do the boundary survey a prerequisite for declaring current airport identified parcels as non-essential for aviation use.

VII. Airport Director's Report: AD postponed Airport Director's Report due to length of Budget Presentation as most of data is included in Budget Presentation.

VIII. Authority Board Member Comments:

1. Mr. Keith Smith – “What are we waiting on?” I am very frustrated, I do not understand why (we are not moving forward with a new airport). We all know how important this is; we recognize the benefit and the good it will do for this community, we need the airport to attract new business. Cmr. Morrow stated his agreement and informed the group that he has potential funding lined up but the city & county need to guarantee the interest on the loan. AD stated that he believes we are really close, that he recommends a joint workshop to determine the final step to get started. Cmr. Morrow says once we get the IGA's signed we then move forward with developing an agreement to fund the interest on a loan. Once we get through transition then our focus can be on the new airport. Mr. Pruett reiterated the need for a joint workshop to get a plan on paper and stick to the plan. Mr. Smith asked why could we not include funding for both the airport and the loan? AD stated that the two need to be separated for timing reasons. A normal budget needs to be approved for the airport to continue normal operations and it needs to be done by May. Including the loan issue will delay the operating budget so there is not enough time between now and the end of the fiscal year. Cmr. Miller asked why we could not extend the runway. Mr. Pruett & AD gave data showing why buying a new airport is more efficient and provides for future growth, and investing that amount of money in the current facility will not allow. Cmr. Todd stated the site study demonstrated that the new airport development will impact far fewer people than building a new one and it (new airport site) is adjacent to the new industrial park which combined will attract new commercial growth for this community.

IX. Next Airport Authority Board Meeting : 13 May, 2013 6PM
Location : One Griffin Center

X. Adjournment: At 7:20PM The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, **Mr. Keith Smith** motioned to adjourn & **Mr. Carl Pruett** seconded, the motion was unanimously passed, (9-0).

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