

# Airport Advisory Committee

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2007

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ron Long, Vice Chairperson  
Kurt Balthazor  
Cliff Hix  
Chris Hoffman  
Ron Holman  
Donald Murray

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Terry Calloway, Chairperson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** William A. Beasley, Director of Public Works  
Jon B. Garrison, Director of Finance & Administration  
Bruce D. Remsberg, P.E., City Engineer  
Larry Pommier, Asst. Dir. of Operations for Public Works  
Gary Iori, Airport Manager  
Joye VanGorden, Admin. Assist. to Director of Public Works

The Airport Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., in the City Hall Commission Room. In the absence of Chairperson Terry Calloway, Vice Chairperson Ron Long called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with six (6) members present.

**The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2007.** Ron Holman moved, seconded by Donald Murray, that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**The second order of business was an update on the proposed Wildlife Fence.** Mr. Beasley stated he spent last week going over the plans prepared by PEC so they could be submitted to FAA by the deadline (first part of May). He stated the FAA has certain requirements the City must comply with since it is a wildlife fence. Mr. Beasley stated the fence was also being designed to serve as a security fence. At this time, Mr. Beasley asked Bruce Remsberg to go over the plans.

Mr. Remsberg went through the plans in detail. The following is the general information provided regarding the proposed fence. The proposed fence includes approximately 23,000 lineal feet of 10 foot high chain link fencing with 3 strands of barbed wire along the top to provide for security and will also include a 5 foot wide skirting underground to keep animals from burrowing under the fence. The fence will be constructed around the perimeter of the airport with approximately 8 gates in different areas to provide for access and maintenance. The main gate will be automated with some type of a key pad or card system to gain access to the airport.

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The project is also being done with several add alternates so the fence can be constructed in phases in case there was not sufficient funding. The City anticipates receiving bids in July, but will be required to hold the bids for 60 days or until the discretionary funds become available. It is hoped that discretionary funds will be released in August. The project will be about a 4 to 6 month project.

**The third order of business was discussion of plans for Airport Day/Dedication of New Runway.** Mr. Beasley stated this being the first go around for such an event, the City was not planning on anything spectacular but would try to include in the budget for next year funds to bring in some type of aeronautical act for a bigger event. This event is specifically being held to officially dedicate the new runway and will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will include a static display of some of the corporate airplanes, St. John's Med Flight, B-2 bomber fly over and Blackhawk for display (not yet confirmed), radio controlled aircraft, and food vendors. This event will be advertised on the City's website and Channel 6, as well as some type of advertisement in the Morning Sun and on some of the local media channels (radio and television). This event is being held to try to show how important the airport is to the community.

There being no further business to be discussed, Ron Long moved, seconded by Ron Holman, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joye VanGorden  
Administrative Assistant to the Director of Public Works/Deputy City Clerk