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**City of Wasilla
 Informational Memorandum No. 22-17**

**Informing The Council Of Airport Advisory Commission Resolution Serial No. 22-01,
 Supporting The Expansion Of The Wasilla Municipal Airport.**

Originator: Erich Schaal, P.E., Public Works Director
 Date: 11/30/2022 Agenda of: 12/12/2022

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Public Works Director	<i>Erich Schaal</i>	11/30/2022
X	Deputy Administrator	<i>Unavailable</i>	
X	City Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>	11/30/2022
X	Mayor	<i>[Signature]</i>	11/30/22

Attachments: Airport Advisory Commission Resolution Serial No. 22-01 (2 pages)

Summary Statement: On November 17, the Airport Advisory Commission adopted the attached Resolution, supporting the expansion of the Wasilla Municipal Airport.

- In summary, the Commission, through the adoption of the Resolution, advises/requests that the:
- Wasilla Mayor and City Council immediately explore federal FAA funding, and other grants, for terminals, ramps, and electricity, and increase in runway length and clearways.
 - Wasilla Mayor and City Council take immediate steps to explore all opportunities within the local business community to find and procure commitments and agreements for future businesses on the Wasilla Airport.
 - Wasilla Mayor and City Council, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly, and the State of Alaska Legislature, place the Wasilla Airport Expansion highest priority on their list of projects to be funded.

By: Commissioner McCabe
Adopted: November 17, 2022
Yes: Grogan, McCabe, Morris, Lucas, Schultz
No: None
Absent: None

**City of Wasilla
Wasilla Airport Advisory Commission
Resolution Serial No. 22-01**

A Resolution Of The Airport Advisory Commission Supporting The Expansion Of The Wasilla Municipal Airport.

WHEREAS the Population of Wasilla and the entire Matanuska-Susitna Valley has increased exponentially since the Wasilla Airport was built; and

WHEREAS the surrounding infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and businesses as well as homes have likewise multiplied while the Wasilla Airport has remained a very small general aviation airport with limited services; and

WHEREAS there remains only one heavily traveled highway to transport MatSu Valley residents to the Anchorage Airport; and

WHEREAS the expansion plans for the Anchorage Airport will increase freight aircraft traffic, without a corresponding increase in runways, placing a certain downward pressure on passenger flights and traffic and creating a need for a "reliever" or "commuter" airport; and

WHEREAS parking and access to ticket counters and gates in the Anchorage Airport are necessarily time consuming, expensive, and difficult for valley residents; and

WHEREAS the increased population of the MatSu Valley demands the resiliency of an airport capable of handling larger aircraft in times of emergency; and

WHEREAS the economic opportunities for Wasilla, the MatSu, and indeed all Alaska, from increasing the size of the runway thus allowing instate commuter passengers, and instate freight flights, access directly to Wasilla and Valley businesses have great potential; and.

WHEREAS the increased opportunities for rural Alaskans to gain access to expanding Health Care and emergency services of Wasilla and MatSu make it imperative that the size and scope of the Wasilla Airport be increased.

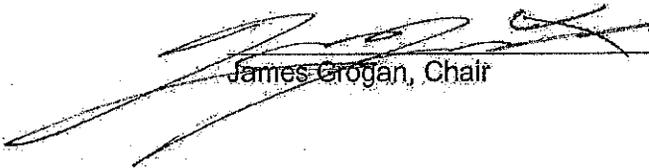
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Wasilla Airport Advisory Commission requests the Wasilla Mayor and City Council immediately explore federal FAA funding, and other grants, for Terminals, Ramps, Electricity, and an increase in Runway length and clearways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Wasilla Mayor and city council take immediate steps to explore all opportunities within the local business community to find and procure commitments and agreements for future businesses on the Wasilla Airport; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That the Wasilla Mayor, the Wasilla City Council, the MatSu Borough Assembly, and the State of Alaska Legislature, place the Wasilla Airport Expansion highest priority on their list of projects to be funded.

Effective Date. This resolution takes effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla Airport Advisory Commission on November 17, 2022.


James Crogan, Chair

ATTEST:


Ashley Loyer, Recording Secretary