



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#22-0785

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: September 6, 2022

TITLE: Motion Approving a Non-Federal Reimbursable Agreement with the
Federal Aviation Administration to Provide Air Traffic Control Services at
Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport – **(Commission District 1)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a five-year non-federal reimbursable agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for 24-hour air traffic control services to provide two overnight Air Traffic Controllers at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE).

Background

Since 1990, the City has entered into a non-federal reimbursable Agreement with the FAA for the Air Traffic Control Tower (Tower) at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) to operate 24 hours per day. Essentially, the Agreement requires the Airport to reimburse the FAA for the costs associated with the overnight operation. Without this Agreement, the Tower would close at midnight and reopen at 6:00 a.m. and the Airport would operate as a non-towered airfield during this timeframe.

The 24 hour per day operation of the Tower has allowed the Airport to implement several noise abatement measures aimed at reducing noise during the most sensitive hours of the night. These measures include Runway 9/27 preferential departures, the I-95 turn, a voluntary training restriction, and a run-up restriction. The operation of the Tower at night has also enhanced the safety of Airport operations.

Since the inception of the 24-hour Tower program, the midnight shift has included one Air Traffic Controller. The FAA now requires that all Towers operating at night be staffed with two controllers. In order to accomplish this, the current year budget includes \$600,490.19 to fund two controller positions.

The estimated contract costs are as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF REIMBURSABLE ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
Labor	
FY23 (2) Controller Salary (\$441,600.42), OT (\$76,808.38), Overhead (\$82,081.39)	\$600,490.19
FY24 (2) Controller Salary (\$441,600.42), OT (\$76,808.38) w/ 7% contingency (\$36,288.62), Overhead (\$87,827.09)	\$642,524.51
FY25 (2) Controller Salary (\$472,512.45), OT (\$82,183.20) w/ 7% contingency (\$38,828.70), Overhead (\$93,974.69)	\$687,499.04
FY26 (2) Controller Salary (\$505,588.32), OT (\$87,935.54) w/ 7% contingency (\$41,546.67), Overhead (\$100,552.83)	\$735,623.36
FY27 (2) Controller Salary (\$540,979.50), OT (\$94,089.60) w/ 7% contingency (\$44,454.84), Overhead (\$107,591.29)	\$787,115.23
Total Labor	\$3,453,252.33

The 24-Hour Tower program is essential in the implementation of nighttime noise abatement procedures, which significantly reduce noise over residential areas during sensitive nighttime hours.

At its August 25, 2022 meeting, the Aviation Advisory Board voted to support staff's recommendation to execute a five-year Reimbursable Agreement with the FAA for 24-hour Air Traffic Control Services.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$600,490.19 for Fiscal Year 2023 from the Airport Fund. Future expenditures are contingent upon approval and appropriation of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

Funds available as of August 23, 2022					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
468-MGR180101-3240	Executive Airport	Services/Materials Mgmt/Oper Serv	\$3,310,596	\$1,436,041	\$600,490.19
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$600,490.19

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Business Development Focus Area
- Goal 5: Build an attractive global and local economic community marketplace.
- Objective: Provide best-in-class regional general aviation airport amenities and services

This item advances the *Fast-Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are Prosperous*.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Business Development Focus Area
- The Economic Development Area
- Goal 3: Recognize and include in economic development planning the role of Port Everglades and the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Fort Lauderdale Executive Airports.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Draft Reimbursable Agreement

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