



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

#17-0935

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 22, 2017

TITLE: Motion to Approve a Non-Federal Reimbursable Agreement with the
Federal Aviation Administration to Provide Air Traffic Control Services at
Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport

Recommendation

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

Background

Since 1990, the City entered into non-federal reimbursable agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Air Traffic Control Tower at FXE to operate 24 hours per day and for 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.

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 \$468,278.12 to funding two controller positions.

Since 2012, the FAA agreed to cover the cost of the additional controller and did not charge the Airport for the extra cost during the initial five year term. Beginning in October 2018, the new five-year agreement requires the Airport to pay for both controller positions.

The estimated contract costs are as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF REIMBURSABLE ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
LABOR	
FY2018 (2) Controller Salary (\$332,623.20), OT (\$75,036.00/2 Controllers)	\$407,659.20
FY2019 (2) Controller Salary (\$332,623.20), OT (\$75,036/2 Controllers) & Contingency 6% (\$19,957.38/2 Controllers)	\$427,616.58
FY2020 (2) Controller Salary (\$352,580.58), OT (\$75,036/2 Controllers) & Contingency 6% (\$21,154.83/2 Controllers)	\$448,771.41
FY2021 (2) Controller Salary (\$373,735.40), OT (\$75,036/2 Controllers) & Contingency 6% (\$22,424.12/2 Controllers)	\$471,195.52
FY2022 (2) Controller Salary (\$396,159.52), OT (\$75,036/2 Controllers) & Contingency 6% (\$23,769.56/2 Controllers)	\$494,965.08
Labor Subtotal	\$2,250,207.79
Labor Overhead	\$334,741.65
Total Labor	\$2,584,949.44

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 July 27, 2017 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 no current fiscal year impact to the City. There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$468,278.12 for Fiscal Year 2018 from the Airport Fund. Future expenditures are contingent upon approval and appropriation of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan* initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections.
- Objective 4: Deliver best-in-class regional general aviation airport amenities and services to domestic and international stakeholders.
- Initiative 1: Examine the highest and best use of airport property to stimulate economic development and create jobs.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Draft Reimbursable Agreement

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