



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

#18-0924

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

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

DATE: September 4, 2018

TITLE: Resolution to Approve a Lease Agreement with the United States Customs
and Border Protection to Lease Parcel 18 at Fort Lauderdale Executive
Airport

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement with the United States Customs and Border Protection for the facility located on Parcel 18 at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport.

Background

The United States Customs and Border Protection Services (CBP) conduct aircraft and passenger clearing at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE). Since 1976 FXE has been designated as a CBP Landing Rights Airport establishing a Customs service facility allowing low capacity private and executive type aircraft to receive clearance upon arrival or return from foreign countries.

FXE supports flying throughout the world and has the number one busiest general aviation Customs facility in the United States. As the fifth busiest general aviation airport in the country, with over 180,000 annual operations and nearly 1,050 based aircraft, the Airport is a major international gateway with operators serving destinations throughout the Caribbean, Central America, South America, and beyond, fulfilling its role as a reliever airport for Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL).

In 2015 the City commissioned the opening of a new CBP building at FXE. The new state-of-the-art building is well-equipped to meet current volume and future demands, provide travelers with an enhanced level of customer service, and continue to strengthen Executive Airport's position as an international gateway for our region.

In an effort to offer uninterrupted service and the expectations of CBP are met, the United States Government (Government) is requesting to enter into a Lease Agreement for the 7,900 square feet of office space and the General Aviation Facility (GAF) space located at the FXE CBP facility. In exchange for the Government not paying rent, it is agreed that

inspection personnel will be located on site, and the Airport will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the GAF.

Moving forward, we expect CBP operations to continue well into the future, which will strengthen Executive Airport's position as a catalyst for further economic development, job growth, and business attraction in the City of Fort Lauderdale and throughout south Florida. At its meeting of June 28, 2018, the Aviation Advisory Board supported staff's recommendation to enter into a lease agreement with the CBP.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* 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.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Parcel Map

Exhibit 2 - Lease Agreement

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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