

## WASILLA AIRPORT COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Wasilla Airport Commission was held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 in the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Vice Chairman Commissioner Popecki called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Recording Secretary, Sandi Connolly called the roll

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Commissioner Billingsly, Seat A  
Commissioner Bruu, Seat B  
Commissioner Popecki, Seat C, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Block, Seat D,  
Commissioner Bond, Seat E, (absent)  
Commissioner Sharick, Seat F  
Commissioner Molloy, Seat G, (Resigned)

Staff in attendance were:

Archie Giddings, Public Works Director  
Bert Cottle, City Administrator  
Sandra Connolly, Recording Secretary

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Popecki led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Commissioner Bruu moved to approve the agenda as written.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes from June 23, 2011

MOTION: Commissioner Bruu motioned to approve the minutes as written.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed unanimously.

**6. STAFF AND AGENCY REPORTS:**

A. Archie Giddings, Airport Report

- Stated that the Medallion Foundation removed the flight simulator from our flight shack.
- Announced that Apron D will need more material and paving before it is completed next year.
- Reported that the City has money for the road to MUSC, and may also have enough funding to extend sewer to the airport.
- Began environmental work to study feasibility of float plane landing. It is not known if it can be designed. There may not be enough water in Lucille creek to dam it and Seven Mile lake would be a better location.
- Reported that the Airport Master Plan will most likely be completed in two steps for now and in the future will turn into a full master plan.
- Informed the Commission that DOT is trying to arrange for an airship demonstration at the airport.
- Stated that Borough voters passed a bond package which includes the Mack Drive extension.
- Reported the GPS approach is still in the works. By June there could be a GPS approach.

B. Bert Cottle, Administrator

- Reported on meetings with Grant airlines. They are interested in a commuter service to Valdez and Fairbanks from our airport. They have flown charters out of Wasilla Airport in the past. Their niche is just under the TSA requirement for security.
- Attended an annual meeting into Fairbanks and the Alaska Railroad donated the train to take everyone to Fairbanks.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING** (Three minutes per person.)

(There was no Public Hearing)

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. NEW BUSINESS** (There was no new business)

A. Commissioner Bruu

- Reported that he has received an E mail rescinding the tall structure ordinance.
- Notified the Commission that the South end of the airport abutts borough land, consequently, the City of Wasilla has no say over what goes out there. It could be a row of towers.

Commissioner Sharick

- Asked what was the reason for rescinding the ordinance on tall tower structures?

Archie Giddings

- Answered that he will be working with the borough on this. It affects aviation but wasn't directed at aviation.

Commissioner Bruu

- Stated that presently there are no proposed towers in the way of the airport.

Archie Giddings

- Opined that the City needs to address the issue of building around the airport that will interfere with the airport.

Bert Cottle

- Added that the discussion was that towers are regulated by the government and more regulations are not needed.

Commissioner Bruu

- informed the Commission on the ability of the Light Square technology that can damage all GPS signals and asked everyone to be aware of it.

## **10. COMMUNICATION**

### **11. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (three minutes per person)**

### **12. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Block: No Comment

Commissioner Popecki: No Comment

Commissioner Billingsly: No Comment

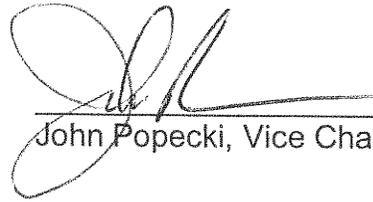
Commissioner Sharick: No Comment

Commissioner Bruu: No Comment

Archie Giddings: No Comment

13. **ADJOURNMENT** Commissioner Billingsly motioned to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



John Popecki, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:



Sandra D. Connolly, Public Works Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla Airport Commission on 2-16-12.