



City of

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APPROVED
MINUTES
AIRPORT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2020
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE

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1. Call to Order

Chair Wilder called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

Present: Chair Andrew Wilder
Vice-Chair Chris Waller
Commissioner Lael R. Rubin
Commissioner Geoff Neri
Commissioner Joe Schmitz

Absent: None

Also Present: Susan Cline, Director of Public Works
Stelios Makrides, Airport Director
Ivan Campbell, Deputy City Attorney
Diana Hernandez, Airport Operations Administrator
Peerawat Prasatcharoen, Recording Secretary
Jennifer Simmons, Recording Secretary

2. Special Agenda Items/Announcements

2a. Departures and Arrivals of Commission Secretaries

Chair Wilder recognized Michael Ferguson for his years of service, and Airport Director Stelios Makrides introduced Peerawat Prasatcharoen and Jennifer Simmons, who will rotate as the Secretary for the Commission.

3. Consent Calendar

All items will be considered and approved in one motion unless removed by a Commissioner for discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Schmitz, seconded by Vice-Chair Waller to approve the Consent Calendar was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Wilder expressed concerns over utilizing votes by voice in the teleconferencing format. Vice-Chair Waller suggests using a “thumbs-up” or “thumbs-down” motion to vote. After discussing with Deputy City Attorney Ivan Campbell, Chair Wilder agreed to state how many thumbs he sees for votes.

3a) Approval of Minutes for the February 24, 2020 Special Meeting

Approved by unanimous voice vote (see above).

3b) Non-Aviation Commercial Operations Permits

3b) i. UP Partners Management Company, LLC

Approved by unanimous voice vote (see above).

4. Airport Management Report

4a) Monthly Operations Report

Airport Director Stelios Makrides announced the promotion of Diana Hernandez, previously Airport Operations Analyst, to Airport Administrator, and shared that she would present monthly operations reports moving forward.

Airport Operations Administrator Diana Hernandez presented the monthly operations reports for the months of February, March, April, and May 2020.

The Commission and staff discussed the accuracy of reports, trends of increasing/decreasing activity for the Airport due to COVID, and noise violations.

Commissioner Schmitz shared his screen and presented to everyone.

Commissioner Neri lost his Internet connection at 5:16 p.m.

Gavin Scott, public member, commented on this item.

Dave Hopkins, public member, commented on this item.

Alan Levenson, public member, commented on this item.

4b) Airport Leases

Airport Director Stelios Makrides provided the list of leases to the Commission and noted that there are uncertainties as a result of COVID.

Commissioner Neri returned at 5:23 p.m.

4c) Compass Rose Appeal Hearing Rescheduled for November 20, 2020 Council Meeting

Airport Director Stelios Makrides confirmed the rescheduling of the Compass Rose Appeal hearing, and affirmed to the Commission that he will notify them if the date is moved.

4d) Complaints Filed by Parties to FAA Against the City of Santa Monica – Part 16 Determination

Deputy City Attorney Ivan Campbell notified the Commission, as stated in the agenda, that the City received notification from the FAA that the time for the FAA to issue its final decision in this complaint was extended to and including September 27, 2020.

4e) Annual Appointments for Boards and Commissions Moved to September 8, 2020 Council Meeting

Chair Wilder announced that Commissioner Rubin's second term is expiring.

Commissioner Rubin shared that she will be running for a third term.

Airport Director Stelios Makrides shared that the annual election of the Chair and Vice-Chair will be delayed until after the new Boards and Commissions members are appointed. Chair Wilder expressed assumption that elections will occur in late September.

4f) Next Special Meeting of the Airport Commission

Commissioner Rubin discussed that a public member shared concerns with her over the next meeting, slated to fall on September 28, 2020, being on a Jewish holiday (Yom Kippur).

Motion by Commissioner Rubin, seconded by Chair Wilder, to move the next Airport Commission meeting to a different date was approved by unanimous "thumbs-up" votes. Staff and the Commission will mutually decide upon a date and inform the public following established procedures.

5. Old Business

5a) Update on the Public Landscape Division Relocation Effort

Airport Director Stelios Makrides shared that, as stated in the agenda, the relocation effort is stalled indefinitely due to COVID and the City restructuring.

The Commission and staff discussed logistics of the relocation.

5b) Airport Safety Information and Dissemination to Pilots

Airport Director Stelios Makrides shared that, as stated in the agenda, this project is on hold. He will provide more updates in September/October.

7. Commissioner Items

General information items, announcements, and consideration of future agenda items from Commissioners.

7a) Communication Concerns Regarding Airport Activity

The Commission expressed concerns over the frequency of the Airport monthly operations reports being generated and presented to the public.

Airport Director Stelios Makrides shared that monthly operations reports will be delayed as a result of staff reductions, but that staff will try their best to post reports and notify the public, and that he is open to ideas.

7b) Red Six Operations Activity

The Commission expressed concerns over flight activity, which was discussed with staff.

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10. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Schmitz, seconded by Commissioner Neri to add an item regarding aviation safety at the Airport that will factor in noise violations.

By order of Chair Wilder, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:



Jennifer Simmons, Secretary

Andrew Wilder, Chair