

AIRPORT COMMITTEE
May 8, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Robert Gehring, Members John Livingston, Steven Krog, Al Laufer, David Wolbrink, Mayor Timothy Michalak, and Airport Manager Darryl Kranz

Call to Order – Chairperson Robert Gehring called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Roll Call – All members of the Committee were present.

Minutes – MOTION by Mayor Timothy Michalak, and seconded by John Livingston to suspend reading, and approve the minutes of November 20, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public – Harvey Langenecker, 4079 North Main Street, noted that he has no opposition to the airport but rather commented on some of the issues with the water runoff in the area.

Public Hearing in the matter of a Petition for State and Federal Aid – Chairperson Robert Gehring opened the public hearing, The notice of public hearing as published in the April 26, 2018 Daily News was read by Airport Manager Darryl Kranz.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, requires the City of Hartford adopt a Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid to sponsor any airport development projects with Federal and State Aid. The Bureau of Aeronautics recommends that airport owners petition for federal and state aid at least three years prior to any planned construction due to the lead-time necessary for programming and coordinating with federal funding. The Bureau stated they can potentially get more dollars for state airports overall if they can better document airport long range needs statewide. The Petition Resolution follows the procedure required by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The character, extent, and kind of improvements desired under this Petition are as follows: ***reconstruct apron; upgrade/replace fuel facility; purchase and install automated observing station; grade/improve turf runway; design/construct terminal building; reimbursement for land use planning ordinance; sealcoat and crack fill airport pavements; and any necessary related work.*** Planning for these projects will protect the long-term future of the airport. It will benefit the City of Hartford to approve the Petition Resolution for these improvements in order to meet the existing and future needs of the Hartford Municipal Airport. The Bureau of Aeronautics has indicated that the State pays for half of the City's share of any federal aviation entitlement funds awarded to the City of Hartford. At this time it is 90% federal funds, 5% state funds, and 5% city (sponsor) funds. Airport Manager Darryl Kranz provided information on the proposed improvements desired under this Petition, and responded to questions.

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There were no appearances for, nor any against for petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid. There being no discussion by the Airport Committee, Chairperson Robert Gehring closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Steven Krog, and seconded by John Livingston recommending to the Common Council a Resolution petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid. MOTION CARRIED,

Update on Phase 1 Runway Reconstruction/Realignment Project – Airport Manager Darryl Kranz provided an update on the Phase 1 Runway Reconstruction/Realignment Project, and responded to questions. It is going very well, and is anticipated to be done around July 18th. During this phase there is not anticipated to be any interruption to airport services.

Proposed Phase 2 Bidding Schedule / Discretionary Funding – Airport Manager Darryl Kranz provided information on the Phase 2 bidding schedule/discretionary funding, and responded to questions. Bidding for Phase 2 is planned for around June 21st. It is not sure whether Phase 2 will begin yet this year or wait until next year.

Comments and Questions – Mayor Michalak noted that he will be talking to federal and state representatives relating to funding for the airport. Airport Manager Darryl Kranz noted that he gets a lot of positive comments on the airport from users and visitors.

Adjournment – MOTION by Mayor Timothy Michalak, and seconded by John Livingston for adjournment. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Darryl Kranz, Airport Manager

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