

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 14, 2016

The Airport Advisory Board of the City of Athens, Texas met in Special Session on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center, 201 W. Corsicana St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to wit:

Steve Grant  
Larry Babb  
John Cain  
Charlie Tidmore

Thanasis Kombos, Community Development Manager  
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others presents: Blake Wilson, Edwin Torbet, and Chip Perryman;

with the following member absent: Sheri Robson;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2015  
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A motion was made by Member Tidmore, seconded by Member Grant to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2015 Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER CHANGING MEETING DATE

Thanasis Kombos introduced himself as the new Community Development Manager. He stated there has been a reorganization of City Departments. He explained the areas that he would be overseeing: Parks and Recreation, Tourism, and Airport. He stated he would be the liaison between this Board and the City moving forward. He stated that City Manager Philip Rodriguez would also be involved and attending meetings.

Mr. Kombos stated that all three Boards that he oversees as well as the City Council meetings occur within the same week. He asked the Board instead of meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. if the Airport Advisory Board could meet on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Kombos stated he would like feedback from the Board.

Chairman Grant stated that he and Mr. Tidmore visited informally and instead of having a monthly scheduled meeting, perhaps having a quarterly meeting and then meet as needed for any Special called meetings. He stated as it is the board has not met since September 2015.

He stated the board will have reason to meet more frequently as time moves forward. He stated has we move forward with the Masterplan the agenda will fill up more.

Mr. Kombos stated it would be helpful to establish a normal day and time and can commit to a quarterly meeting or a special call meeting as needed.

Mr. Tidmore stated that more meetings are being canceled and he felt there would be a more sufficient agenda if the board was meeting quarterly.

Mr. Kombos stated his suggestion is to continue the monthly meetings one or two more months, and if there is not a need for a monthly meeting, then it can moved to bi-monthly meetings.

A motion was made by Member Tidmore, seconded by Member Babb to change the Airport Advisory Board meeting from the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. to the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

#### UPDATE ON AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Mr. Kombos presented a draft of the Scope of Work for the anticipated Airport Master Plan. Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division, the City of Athens, and Garver (consultant) has been working to finalize the scope of work and anticipates that a final draft will be complete in the coming weeks.

The Board discussed specific components of the scope of work, including an economic feasibility component as well as runway development alternatives. Mr. Komobos explained that a detailed economic feasibility study or business plan would not be captured in the Master Planning process. In regards to runway development Chairman Grant sought clarification on the specific runway lengths to be incorporated into the plan, specifically 5,000 ft. and 6,500 ft. runway.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN RELATING TO THE CITY OF ATHENS

There was no discussion.

#### ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.

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Steve Grant, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary