

The Seven hundred and fifty-ninth meeting of the Worcester Regional Airport Commission was held on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Worcester Regional Airport Terminal Building.

Members present were: Chairman James Delehaunty, Vice Chairman Joe Zwirblia, Commissioners Tim DeSantis, Eric Nierenberg, Tom Reynolds and Patsi SantaMaria.

Also present were: Mr. Eric Waldron, Airport Director, Mr. Philip Niddrie, Airport Liaison, and David Moore, City Solicitor, City of Worcester.

Chairman Delehaunty opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

**1. Approval of minutes of the Monday June 11, 2007 meeting**

Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Zwirblia, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2007 meeting. **All in favor - So Voted.**

**2. Report of the Commission Chairman –**

The Chairman welcomed Eric Nierenberg as a new member appointed to the Airport Commission for a three-year term.

The Chair also asked that each Member review their contact information and give any changes to Staff.

**6. New Business – Taken out of Order**

- City Solicitor David Moore reported that the City Manager is recommending that the Amended Operating Agreement with Massport be Amended a second time under the same terms and conditions that were in effect through June, 2007. This Second Amendment is intended to be in place until December 31, 2007. After questions from the Commission regarding the status of future negotiations, the Solicitor responded that he was not able to comment on specific details but indicated that the Manager was committed to reach an agreement by the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. That agreement would then, more-than-likely, be brought to the Commission for action.

The following Motion was made by Commissioner SantaMaria and Seconded by Commissioner DeSantis:

**Voted that the Worcester Regional Airport Commission hereby authorizes its Chair or Vice Chair to execute an amendment to the Operating Agreement with the Massachusetts Port Authority which would extend the existing agreement for six months through December 31, 2007.**

There was also discussion regarding the role of the Commission in these negotiations and in the overall operations of the Airport. Solicitor Moore outlined that the role of the Commission has changed dramatically with city's

Operating Agreement with Massport. Although there is still a significant role for the Commission, Massport runs the daily operations/ activity at the Airport.

### 3. Commissioner's Reports

- **Marketing- no report**
- **Aviation- no report**
- **Master Plan- no report**

### 4. Reports of the Airport Director

- **Development Sites RFP:** City and Massport representatives met to review the proposal that was received; Law Departments from both entities are reviewing some questions raised by the team. The respondent will be contacted for a discussion/clarification of some elements of the proposal.
- **Hangar 2 Update-** Work is nearly completed on the main phase of this project. The contractor will need to return to complete work on a small area that was not included in the initial contract. It is hoped that he will be able to do so before the end of June.
- **Airport Capital Program-** The Director gave a summary of each of the projects that comprise the current draft proposed five-year capital improvement program for the airport that will be released as part of the Master Plan.
- **Runway Crack repairs and Paint removal-** Mr. Waldron advised that cracks have once again been identified in the pavement of the main runway , similar to those that were identified and repaired last year. These too must be repaired this year. The estimated cost of the work is \$150,000, about the same amount as last year. Additionally, accumulated paint from some of the runway markings has started to flake, causing FOD that must be removed and the markings repainted. It is hoped that we can get this work done as a demonstration of a new method, sometime in July.
- **Facility use – Updates-** Mr. Waldron advised the Members that the dates for the license agreement for use of the facilities by the Boylston Regional Police Academy Training unit that will hold a class for motorcycle have changed from the week of June 4, to the last week of June. The Academy has agreed to provide all necessary insurances and indemnifications, and to pay far any required overtime for staff assistance/escort, though none is anticipated.

### 5. Old Business –

There was no Old Business to consider; it was agreed that Vice Chair Zwirblia will give an update on the energy initiative at the September meeting.

Prior to adjourning, there was discussion of whether or not a meeting would be held in August; it was agreed that, since there were no known items for consideration or votes anticipated, there would not be a meeting in August, subject to the discretion of the Chair if a specific need arose. The next regular meeting date was set for September 10, 2007.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor - So Voted.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Eric N. Waldron, A.A.E., ACE  
Airport Director and  
Clerk of the Commission