

April 19, 2017  
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Newport, Oregon

**JOINT WORK SESSION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND AIRPORT COMMITTEE**

The Newport City Council met in a joint work session with the Airport Committee at the above time in the Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. In attendance from the City Council were: Swanson, Goebel, Engler, Sawyer, and Allen (arrived at 12:40 P.M.). Roumagoux and Saelens were excused. In attendance from the Airport Committee were: Watkins, Shaw, Busby, Bertuleit, Buggenhagen, Brown, and Reese.

Staff present was City Manager Nebel, City Recorder Hawker, City Attorney Rich, Airport Director Vanderbeck, and Melissa Roman.

Also present were Gloria Tucker, from the Newport News-Times; Mike Dane, Senior Planner with WHPacific; and Dave Nafie, Aviation Group Lead with WHPacific.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

All participants introduced themselves.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Nafie and Dane made a PowerPoint presentation. Nafie reviewed the Airport Master Plan update, including: the individual components; inventory; aeronautical activity forecast; facility requirements; airport development alternatives; compliance review; recycling and solid waste management plan; airport layout plan drawing; capital improvements; and noted that financial plans will follow.

Nafie reported on the Advisory Committee meetings to date. He noted that a discussion of goals and issues occurred at the first meeting; master plan goals and issues to be addressed were discussed at the second meeting; from which guiding statements were developed. He reviewed the guiding statements.

Nafie reviewed the planning achievements to date.

Allen arrived at 12:40 P.M.

Dane talked about the airport layout plan and the preferred alternative noting that the goal is to determine what can be done to meet FAA standards and improve the airport. It was noted that the purpose of the airport layout plan is to provide a visual depiction of the master plan narrative. He stated that the entire drawing set is included in chapter eight. Additional discussion ensued regarding the terminal area plan.

Dane reviewed the CIP list and financial data. He reviewed the purpose and method; financial forecast; and sources of funded, and reported that the city subsidy to the airport would need to be increased.

Dane reviewed the project phasing map. He reported that the total cost of the project is 61 million dollars. The next steps to be performed by WHPacific were reviewed.

Busby noted that there is no prioritized plan associated with the costs. He added that he understands the need for the master planning process, as it is required for federal funding. He stated that he has reviewed the chapters and found lots of superfluous

language as well as technical errors. He added that the information about approaches and air space is incorrect. He noted that the aircraft comparisons do not make sense. He stated that the consultants should have found these errors, and recommended that they make a concerted effort to correct the data.

Busby reported that some portions of the draft contain a tremendous amount of supporting data, while in other cases, there is insufficient supporting data. He noted that specific hangar recommendations will depend on resources, and recommended that flexibility be built into the plan.

Busby recommended that the minimums be reduced to 200.5. He stated that the recommendation to shorten Runway 16/34 will allow the type of aviation that occurs today, and only marginally increases safety. He added that it accomplishes nothing in terms of who can come here.

Nebel noted that it seems to make sense to plan for more rigid requirements.

Allen added that it is important to have historical information, and to correct inaccurate information.

Watkins asked whether the Part139 retention is the “elephant in the room.” He asked whether giving up the designation would give leverage with the FAA on other issues.

Roman reviewed the executive summary that she had prepared and distributed to the group. She responded to questions.

Bertuleit asked why state funding is not included in the document.

Busby stated that executive summaries are usually two to four pages long. He asked the purpose of this lengthier document. It was noted that the information includes goals and policies to the public facilities element of the Comprehensive Plan and a proposed revision to the Newport Municipal Code.

A brief discussion ensued regarding staff speaking with the National Guard about a potential relocation to the airport.

Nebel noted that this joint work session was to review the status of the Airport Master Plan. He reported that the Public Advisory Committee is meeting to develop the plan and provide feedback to the consultants. He added that following today’s meeting, the PAC will meet and further discuss issues associated with the Airport Master Plan.

## ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:08 P.M.