

## **VERO BEACH AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Friday, March 11, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.**

**City Hall, Council Chambers, Vero Beach, Florida**

**PRESENT:** Louis Vocelle, Chairman (via GoToMeeting); Carlos Halcomb, Vice Chairman; Members: Carole Jean Jordan and Arthur Hodge **Also Present:** Airport Director Todd Scher; City Attorney, John Turner and Deputy City Clerk, Sherri Philo

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice Chairman called today's meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **A) December 3, 2021**

**Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2021 Airport Commission meeting. Mrs. Jordan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A) Discussion of the Following Ordinance Requested by the City Council:**

**An Ordinance of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, Amending Article III, "Commissions and Boards," of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of the City of Vero Beach; Revising Membership of the Airport Commission; Providing for Codification; Providing for the Correction of Scrivener's Errors; Providing for Conflict and Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date**

Mr. John Turner, City Attorney, reported that the proposed Ordinance was bought up by the City Council to appoint a Representative of Piper Aircraft as a full member on the Airport Commission.

**Mrs. Jordan made a motion that the Commission recommends approval.**

Mr. Vocelle said that he is in favor of having a Representative of Piper serve on the Commission, but would suggest that the Representative be limited to an upper management position.

Mr. Halcomb agreed.

Mrs. Jordan asked Mr. Turner if they needed to have a second to her motion for discussion.

Mr. Turner said they could have a second if they want to proceed or the motion could be withdrawn pending discussion.

**Mr. Halcomb seconded the motion for discussion.**

Mr. Hodge asked would this position be a named individual or would Piper Aircraft be sending anyone to their meetings as their representative.

Mr. Turner recommended that the position be held by an upper level executive position of Piper Aircraft.

**Mr. Hodge seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Mr. Hodge asked would the Ordinance be changed to reflect that it is to be an upper level position of Piper Aircraft.

Mr. Turner said staff would include that it be an executive level position of Piper Aircraft in the Ordinance.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**6. AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

**A) Airport Director's Report**

Mr. Todd Scher, Airport Director, briefly went over the Airport Director's Report with the Commission members (attached to the original minutes).

**7. CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

Mr. Halcomb said the Commission members are going to miss Mr. Skip Wood serving with them on the Commission. Mr. Wood is someone who has devoted time and energy to their community and is an outstanding citizen. Mr. Vocelle and Mr. Hodge agreed.

**8. MEMBER'S MATTERS**

None

**9. CITY ATTORNEY MATTERS**

**A) Legislative Update: Airport Funding Bill**

Mr. Turner reported that the Airport Funding Bill was unanimously approved by the House and the Senate and is currently on the Governor's desk to be signed. He felt that they all needed to thank Airport staff, Mayor Brackett, State Representative Erin Grall and Senator Debbie Mayfield for their efforts in supporting this Bill. He reported that they had the support of the entire County. He explained that the Mayor and City Council went to the

County Commission and to all the municipalities in the County and obtained Resolutions supporting this Bill, which those Resolutions were presented to the Legislature and they had a big impact on this being adopted.

**Mrs. Jordan made a motion that the Commission is pleased to hear that the House and Senate approved House Bill and Senate Bill 780 and that they encourage the Governor to sign it as quickly as possible. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Mr. Tuner said that he would draft the letter.

#### **10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Airport Commission meeting will be held on Friday, June 17, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall, Council Chambers.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mrs. Jordan made a motion to adjourn today's meeting at 9:55 a.m. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

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