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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Denton Enterprise Airport

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: January 14, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding Denton Enterprise Airport rates and fees.

BACKGROUND

The airport has experienced notable growth over the past 20 years, marked by increased General Aviation (GA) activities and a corresponding expansion in infrastructure. This growth, when coupled with declining gas well revenues and increased infrastructure-related costs, has resulted in a projected annual budget deficit in the City's five-year financial forecasts.

Council was briefed on these projections during the FY2024-25 budget process. During that time they were advised that staff was in the process of completing an Airport financial analysis that would include a rate and fee study to be presented mid-year.

This work session will:

1. Provide an overview of Airport financial conditions;
2. Provide the General Aviation Fee Study recommendations;
3. Summarize public feedback on the fee study recommendations;
4. Present the rate and fee recommendation of Airport staff and the Airport Advisory Board (AAB);
and
5. Outline next steps for the Council.

On January 3, 2025, an Internal Staff Report (**attached**) provided additional detail on the Airport's financial condition, the General Aviation Fee Study, and staff recommendations.

Staff and AAB Recommendations

Staff recommends, with the concurrence of the AAB on Dec. 11, 2024, to adopt the following changes to the Airport Rates and Fees Schedule.

1. Implement an annual Access Fee of \$25 for airfield access cardholders;
2. Implement an annual Permit Fee for commercial aeronautical activities at the airport as recommended by the fee study consultant;
3. Implement a non-refundable hangar waitlist fee of \$100 for city-owned hangars;
4. Increase the Fuel Flowage Fee assessed to fixed base operators by \$0.05;
5. Increase the Fuel Flowage Fee assessed to private-use fuelers by \$0.08; and
6. Increase the rent for city-owned hangars by approximately 25% to more closely align with the local market.

Next Steps

Pending Council direction, consideration of updated Airport Rates and Fees is scheduled for the Feb. 11, 2025, City Council meeting. Any changes to Airport rates and fees would be effective April 1, 2025, which is at the midpoint of the current fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Council accept the Staff and AAB recommendations and give direction to prepare an ordinance for adoption of the same.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

Jan. 3, 2025: Internal Staff Report

Dec. 11, 2024: Airport Advisory Board Recommendation

Nov. 13, 2024: Airport Advisory Board Work Session

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Presentation
3. 2025-018: 2025 Airport Rates Analysis and Recommendation

Respectfully submitted:
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