



TITLE: Consider/Discuss/Act on an Ordinance Amending the Budget to Fund Air Traffic Control Services at Collin County Regional Airport

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2013

DEPARTMENT: Financial Services

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RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

- Authorize budget amendment to fund Collin County Regional Airport Control Tower

ITEM SUMMARY:

- On March 19, 2013, City Council approved a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a six-month emergency services agreement with Robinson Aviation, Inc. to Provide Air Traffic Control Services (ATCS) at Collin County Regional Airport (TKI)
- The FAA will cease paying for Air Traffic Services at Collin County Regional Airport's (TKI) control tower on April 21, 2013.
- Several options are available to the City, which will take time to analyze and implement through a proper procurement process.
- The City may declare an emergency procurement for professional services.
- It is important to aviation safety that Air Traffic Services continue after April 21, 2013.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- On March 5, 2013, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) notified the airport that ATCS would no longer be funded by the FAA in order to implement the FAA's budget sequestration mandate that went into effect March 1, 2013.
- According to our sources in Washington, D.C., this funding cut will most likely be permanent.
- In order to maintain ATCS to enhance aviation safety on and in the air around TKI and maintain the airport's role as regional economic generator, the City will have to pay for ATCs.
- The current ATCS contractor is Robinson Aviation, Inc.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- To maintain present level of ATCS for six-months the City will fund a total of \$290,995 in FY 2013, which includes:

- a. A one-time Earned Insurance Premium Charge of \$5,000.00;
 - b. \$53,624/month prorated is \$1,787.47/day for 10 days in April = \$17,875 for April services; and,
 - c. \$53,624/month for 5 full months = \$268,120.
- This rate is good through September 30, 2013 from Robinson, Aviation, Inc.

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: None