City Council Agenda Memo



City Council

TO: David Vela, Interim City Manager

Meeting Date: January 22, 2015

FROM: Don Green, Interim Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Sponsorship of Dyess AFB's Joint Land Use Study

GENERAL INFORMATION

As part of the Department of Defense's (DOD) efforts to keep bases viable and updated, it conducts Joint Land Use Studies (JLUS) in partnership with the local governing entity to determine the best use of surrounding land to ensure compliance with applicable safety and noise zones around the base. Dyess AFB believes it is time to conduct a JLUS and has asked the City of Abilene to sponsor the study. If the city agrees, it will be responsible for selecting and hiring a consultant to conduct the study and City Council would consider updates to the Airport Zoning Ordinance and other applicable zoning ordinances as suggested by the JLUS' determination.

City staff would work with the consultant, Dyess AFB staff, representatives from Taylor County and the City of Tye and other interested entities as part of a committee to have input into the JLUS.

If this resolution is passed, staff will conduct a Request for Qualifications for a JLUS consultant.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

Based on previous JLUS at other bases, DOD estimates a cost range of \$250,000 to \$400,000. DOD will pay 90% of this study and the City of Abilene, as sponsor, will pay 10%. DCOA agreed at its December 17, 2014 meeting to fund the city's 10% match, up to \$50,000. However, the city will receive in-kind credit for its match for any staff time incurred during this study.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a JLUS Sponsorship Agreement with DOD and Dyess AFB.

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

Prepared by:		Disposition by City Council
		□ Approved Ord/Res#
Name: Don Green		□ Denied
		□ Other
Title: Director of Aviation	Item No. 7.9	
		City Secretary

RESOLUTION NO.	
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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT LAND USE STUDY FOR DYESS AIR FORCE BASE.

WHEREAS, The City of Abilene (City) maintains an Airport Zoning Ordinance that includes critical area zoning for Dyess AFB; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Zoning Ordinance protects certain areas around Dyess AFB from incompatible development due to height obstructions, accident potential and noise levels and these areas must, from time to time, be reviewed and possibly adjusted based on factors such as type of aircraft and frequency of use;

WHEREAS, the Dyess AFB has identified the need to conduct such a review and has asked the City, as the zoning entity, to sponsor a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS).

WHEREAS, upon sponsoring the JLUS, the Department of Defense and City will share the cost of the JLUS at 90%/10% respectively and the City will select a JLUS consultant; and

WHEREAS, the City and Dyess AFB will form a JLUS Committee of Interested Stakeholders to give input, review the JLUS conclusions and make a recommendation to City Council for any changes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: The City agrees to participate in the Joint Land Use Study as the study sponsor and commits to a 10% project match, not to exceed \$50,000 in cash or in-kind services; and

PART 2: The Interim City Manager is authorized to execute contracts, funding agreements, and interlocal agreements necessary to proceed with the study.

PART 3: The JLUS conclusions and a recommendation for any necessary changes will be presented to the City Council for adoption at a future meeting.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 2015.

ATTEST:	
Danette Dunlap, City Secretary	Norman Archibald, Mayor
	APPROVED:
	T. Daniel Santee, City Attorney