

**TOMBSTONE AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021
6:00 P.M.
SCHIEFFELIN HALL
402 E. FREMONT STREET**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Valle called the Airport Commission Meeting to order on, Monday, July 19, 2021.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chairman Valle led the Commissioners and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL**
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| Commissioner John Jordan | Present |
| Commissioner Steve McNeely | Present |
| Commissioner Ken Stickler | Present |
| Commissioner Brent Webb | Absent |
| Chairman Daniel Valle | Present |
| Regina Duran, Board Secretary | Present |
| Jesse Grassman, POC | Present |

A QUOROM WAS DECLARED

IV. MINUTES

- A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes for the Tombstone Airport Commission Work Session/Regular Meeting for Monday, June 28, 2021.

MOTION by Commissioner McNeely, **SECOND** by Commissioner Jordan to approve the minutes for the Tombstone Airport Commission Work Session/Regular Meeting for Monday, June 28, 2021.

DISCUSSION: None

4 Yes Votes, 1 Absent, 0 No Votes

VOTE: 4/1/0

MOTION: Carried

V. NEW BUSINESS

B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Approval of Tombstone Municipal Airport 10-Year Strategic Business Plan.

MOTION by Commissioner Stickler, **SECOND** by Commissioner McNeely, to approve the Tombstone Municipal Airport 10 Year Strategic Business Plan.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Valle; "As you all know I have forwarded to you a draft copy of the plan. Whatever comments or concurrences I got and incorporated those changes. We really don't have any major changes except for Ken; he had a sentence to add about that we wanted to move immediately any of the initiatives that we had prior and also securing grant money. The major change that I have at Ken's recommendation was a financial section. So, if you go to page 11, what I basically did was take all the information that was in the Phases I and II and then basically just brought the monies fees up and recapped of how much it consisted of for each phase and how many items it covered in each of the phases. What the State Grants and City Management would be. In Phase I we have a grant that is already processed which is a drainage study and four more items are earmarked for 2022."

"It's the same thing for Phase II, and also made a comment that except for the project that is currently underway and projected for 2022 all of the cost for Phases I and II are projected costs and will be verified at the time that the grants are approved for them! I got the comment from Brett he said the costs would be too high although I agree with that all I did was put a mark on the wall! Once they get a grant, the actual cost, you can correct me if I am wrong, we actually came in with two cost and that's the amount that will be for the grant and then we have, Steve concurred with the plan as it was, and then John had a comment about the security fence, which we had added. We did add it to Phase I. That is a ten-foot fence \$3,000.00. Again, that is subject to the cost at the time we are going to do it!"

"So, basically what you have now is the complete plan incorporating those changes And do we have discussion about this on any further changes?"

Commissioner McNeely; "I met with Dusty this morning and I have been talking with Peter Benincasa, he is coming down actually August 4, 5, 6, and he wants to meet with as many of our committee as can make it and the City Council a tour of twenty-one thousand acres so, to annex the land to the airport. Peter also told me that he would like to look at, I would like to talk to you about that because I think you are managing the land around the airport. He would like to look at purchasing land there (inaudible). So, he may want to do the whole thing (inaudible). But maybe we can wait until after the 6th, that can come up. They are seriously looking at putting a solar field out there, so they get electric to the airport and they want to do water sewer from the City and they want to put in an RV Park, which would be really good for the City. That would be tax revenue for the City and it may save us a lot of money for the airport. He said that they may be interested in leasing the airport."

Jesse Grassman, POC; "We had a meeting with the State the other day on that! It was a good meeting. They are really happy with what we are doing! Moving forward on stuff, I believe we just sent them a check for ..."

Secretary Duran; "\$51,000.00 for the Runway Overlay! We are going to have a pre-construction meeting regarding that on the 12th, at the airport! The state is going to come down and meet with me and Jesse and were all going to go out there! From there we are going to do an herbicide.

Jesse Grassman; "We have to do the herbicide, get all the grass off, right before that we are going to mow it, then we herbicide everything and then they can start working on the overlay!"

Secretary Duran; "and then ten days later they are supposed to start on the project! So, it would be around the 22nd, or so of the month. Of August!"

Jesse Grassman, POV; "The other things that we discussed; they were talking about trying to get power. Unfortunately, a lot of the grants require we have power of some sort out here. For us to get power out there we are looking at 4.5 million. To get power to the airport! We are looking at other options with the solar panels and other things. The thing that is getting us is for us to be able to apply for the grants everything that we use has to be FAA approved! A lot of the solar panels aren't that we are looking at right now! So, trying to find just different ways, avenues to go about things. So, it was an eye-opening meeting! It was a good meeting! I think we are all going in the right direction, especially if something like this gets in!"

Commissioner McNeely; "You give us a time table (inaudible).

Jesse Grassman, POV; "See that is going to benefit us a lot!"

Discussion regarding solar power, fuel truck, and additions to the plan continues among the commission members and Mr. Grassman.

4 Yes Votes, 1 Absent, 0 No Votes

VOTE: 4/1/0

MOTION: Carried

- C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of forwarding the Tombstone Municipal Airport 10-Year Strategic Business Plan to the Mayor and City Council for approval and implementation.

MOTION by Commissioner McNeely, **SECOND** by Commissioner Jordan, to approve forwarding the Tombstone Municipal Airport 10-Year Strategic Business Plan to the Mayor and City Council for approval and implementation.

DISCUSSION: None

4 Yes Votes, 1 Absent, 0 No Votes

VOTE: 4/1/0

MOTION: Carried

VI. REPORTS

A. Updates by Commission Members and Jesse Grassman, POC.

Chairman Valle; "I am excited because I think that the people on that front are really starting to support us. I think we have given them some encouragement by moving forward with the annexation. If the City, does it; it is going to create a benefit."

Commissioner Stickler; "Is there any reason that the City would not approve the annexation?"

Commissioner McNeely; "The Council has already approved it; at the last meeting.

Jesse Grassman, POV; "The only thing that would hold up annexation out there is pretty much the monies between the City and the owner. As they are doing the infrastructure, they are talking sewer, water, wells and everything else. If that group has a good contract; yeah, we're putting in the wells, we're putting in the sewer lines, we're going to put in a small sewer and everything else because as long as it is typed up and they are going to do everything; that way is good for the City but other wise the City is responsible for water, sewer, roads. So, if a group comes in there and does everything and lays it out and gives them the key. Here's the key, there you go boys and that's what it sounds like they want to do! It will be interesting to see."

Commissioner McNeely; "It should be a win, win for everybody! They want a partner. They feel Tombstone is going to help them and vise versa. That's what it is all about!"

Jesse Grassman, POV; "For sure!"

Chairman Valle; "They are investing in the community!"

Jesse Grassman, POV; "Yes"

There being no further discussion Chairman Valle calls for adjournment of the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Valle entertains a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Commissioner McNeely, **SECOND** by Commissioner Jordan, to adjourn the Airport Commission Meeting for Monday, July 19, 2021.

VOTE: 4/1/0

MOTION: Carried

The Tombstone Airport Commission Meeting for Monday, July 19, 2021 thereby adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Daniel Valle, Chairman

Brent Webb, Vice Chairman