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CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
AIRPORT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 5, 2022

This meeting was conducted by Zoom/Teleconference.
The public was able to listen to this meeting by calling a conference line.

ATTENDANCE: Council President Aidee Nieves, Chair; Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim, Stratford Mayor Laura Hoydick; Kenneth Flatto, Bridgeport Finance Director, Lydia Martinez, City Clerk

OTHERS: Michelle Muoio, Airport Manager; Mike Mavredakis, CT Post; Daniel Roach, Mayor's Office; Joe Gresko, Lauren Daley, Mark Corvino, K Dillion, Daniel Shamas, Thomas Norko, Call in user 1, Atty. Michael Jankovsky, City Attorney's Office; 203-259-0809; 203-337-5795; 203-357-5796; 203-378-6776; 203-583-9952

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

There was no one from the public who wished to address the Committee at this time.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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the airplanes. He said that CAA does not have any intention to acquire property around the airport for expansion.

Mayor Hoydick said that she was in the legislature when the Authority was created, along with the CAA. She felt that it was interesting that this request regarding condemnation was presented to the legislature while the CAA was seeking to acquire the Stratford Airport.

Atty. Kevin Kelly was in attendance to present the Stratford proposal. He said that the Town of Stratford was proposing to fully expand and manage the airport. The Town was proposing to purchase the airport for \$13 million. He went on to outline the other details of the proposal.

Mr. Flatto then asked both entities how they would staff the airport. Atty. Kelly said that the Town would look for professional management. Mr. Dillon said that they seek different partnerships for different developments.

Council President Nieves said that the Stratford proposal indicated that one Bridgeport member would be on the Commission, but she would like to see two Bridgeport representatives and suggested that perhaps the BRBC might be a good candidate.

Council President Nieves said that this came from Budget last night and she would like to see how quickly this would be implemented.

Mayor Hoydick said that she agreed with Council President Nieves about having more than one Bridgeport representative on the Commission.

Mr. Flatto asked to move into Executive Session to clarify the terms of the contracts. Atty. Jankowski said that they could discuss this in Executive Session if the discussion would impact the price of the land parcel.

**** MAYOR HOYDICK MOVED TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE AIRPORT TO THE TOWN OF STRATFORD.**

**** THE MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE AIRPORT TO THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.**

**** MR. FLATTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) IN FAVOR (GANIM, NIEVES, AND FLATTO) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED(HOYDICK).**

Mr. Flatto said that he was concerned to hear that there might be a private/public partnership and would prefer the CAA approach.

**APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO PERFORM AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE
SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES**

Ms. Muoio said that she had received a request from an offsite commercial operator to begin providing aircraft maintenance. The individual was not able to attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MAYOR HOYDICK MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MR. FLATTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
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