

Open Work Session
Salisbury Regional Airport – Taxiway G Project Funding
February 2, 2021

Mr. Tony Rudy, Airport Manager, and Mrs. Pam Oland, Director of Finance, came before Council. Mr. Rudy explained, they have a fence that comes across the taxiway and goes to the drone facility. He said the initial thought was to put an automated gate in so when a drone comes up to it, someone can hit a button remotely to open the gate to let them in, and then the gate would close. He said, in looking into this, however, they need to clear a 120 foot width. He said they make a double cantilevered gate that will clear that area, but, as Council can imagine, it is an expensive gate to install. He said they also had issues getting a remote control unit that would work properly the way they intended, and then there is the issue of having these huge gates to maintain over the years. He said it is a big structure and they are sturdy, but just like any gate over time, they flex and bend, and could get damaged with the woods around there, or they could have a tree fall on them. He said they have to clear the trees there to get that width in, so they came up with the idea of clearing the trees an extra 10 feet and putting a fence where they have cleared to, and that way they can maintain a clear line of sight on both sides of the fence for security reasons. He said this project would only cost around \$85,000 as opposed to \$220,000.

Mr. Rudy said they had \$220,000 in the budget under general obligation bonds, so rather than bonding for this, they actually have the \$85,000 in pay-go money, which was earmarked for the Fed Ex apron rehabilitation. He explained, they actually found out that the Fed Ex apron is not an Airport responsibility, it is on that leaseholder, which is unusual because the Airport maintains most of the properties on the Airport. He said their plan is to use that money already allocated in pay-go to proceed with this fence project.

Mrs. Oland explained, this is similar to what they did in the fall with one of the Government Office Building (GOB) projects where it was originally set up in the budget that they were going to bond something, but made the decision not to bond it and instead replace it with pay-go. She said she thinks they did that in the October-November timeframe, and she thinks it was for the GOB roof. She said this is a similar concept in that they would come forward with Legislation where they would be switching the funding source, but not adding any additional funding to the budget to accomplish this project.

Mr. Dodd asked if they are amending the budget, to which Mrs. Oland responded, yes, they would be amending page 184 to be such that they would be removing the Fed Ex concrete ramp rehab project, and they would be reallocating those funds to the taxiway G fence project. She clarified, they did not borrow, as it was not part of the project that went forward in borrowing, so they would just be reallocating like they did with that other project very similar to what they did in the fall.

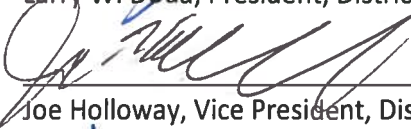
Mr. Dodd asked Mrs. Hurley if they would have to have a Public Hearing on this, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, yes, and it requires one week of advertising, so they can have that at the next meeting on February 16. There was no further discussion.

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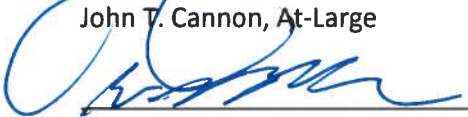
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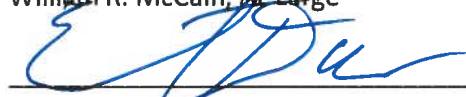
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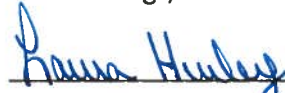
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