



## Griffin Spalding Airport

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### Minutes of Airport Authority Meeting Joint City – County – Airport Authority 09 June, 2014 6:00PM

#### Attendees:

Cmr. Dick Morrow (C)	Mr. Ron Alexander (VC)	Cmr. Joanne Todd (SEC)
Cmr. Bart Miller	Cmr. Raymond Ray	Mr. Carl Pruett
Mr. Larry Johnson	Mr. Brett Lavender	Cmr. Chipper Gardiner
Cmr. Rita Johnson	Cmr. Gwen Flowers-Taylor	Cmr. Cora Flowers
Cmr. Cynthia Reid-Ward	Cmr. Rodney McCord	Cmr. Ryan McLemore
Cmr. Doug Holberg		

#### Also in Attendance:

Mr. Kenny Smith (City Manager)	Mr. William Wilson (County Manager)
Ms. Carol Comer (GDOT Director, Multi-Modal Div)	Mr. Mike Reiter (Michael Baker, LPA)
Mr. Scott Serritt (GDOT, Aviation Div., FAA Ret.)	Ms. Shelia Matthews (The Grip)
Mr. Ray Lightner (Griffin Daily News)	Mr. Robert Mohl (Airport Director)

#### **I. Call to Order:**

At 6:18PM with a quorum present the Chairman, Cmr. Morrow, called the meeting to order.

#### **II. Welcome & Opening Remarks:**

Chairman Morrow welcomed all to the meeting recognizing the City & County BOCs in attendance.

#### **III. Updated Presentation on Airport Options & Costs:**

Cmr. Morrow gave updated airport presentation. (see attached)

#### **IV. GDOT Representatives Question & Answer:**

GDOT's Ms. Carol Comer Director of Intermodal Transportation Division & Mr. Scott Serritt, Aviation Program Manager & Retired FAA Regional Director were on hand to answer question from the 3 Boards.

Question: Cmr. Gwen Flowers-Taylor, If there are no penalties with the exception of withholding federal grants does that rule apply to all grants the city & county receive or just Airport FAA grants. Answer – Ms. Carol Comer, only FAA Airport Grants.

Question: Cmr. Bart Miller, I'd like to know why they waited so long to come at us with all these rules & regulations on the old airport. Answer – Ms. Carol Comer, zoning is controlled by the local municipalities around the airport. Over the years the City & County have proposed multiple plans (plans proposed in the 80s & 90s, then the 2003 Master Plan & now a proposal to move the airport) to address these deficiencies, FAA & GDOT have tried to be a partner and have operated in good faith with the local governments looking for a solution to these issues.

Question: Cmr. Raymond Ray asked what was the latest 5 year Capital Improvement Plan submitted to the FAA? Answer, Robert Mohl, December 31<sup>st</sup> was the date of our official submission per our annual requirement. Cmr. Ray, the numbers are slightly different than the one we have now. AD stated that he & Mike Reiter have updated the numbers for a more complete & accurate report, the one you are looking at now is the one that will be submitted this year.

Question: Cmr. Raymond Ray, this appears to be an either or, we construct a new airport or we need to fix the current one? Ms. Comer, we apologize if you felt that these communications were interpreted as some type of threat. We want to work with you. Airport Director stated that the answers that we received were in response to our asking the question “what happens if we choose not to build a new airport?” They were answering our question.

Question Cmr. Raymond Ray. Do you (GDOT / FAA) have other detailed numbers on our proposed project? Answer: Ms. Carol Comer, The numbers we have come from your consultant, we do not drill down into the details until we get further along into the project. We have worked with these groups before with other projects and compare the numbers throughout the process. Cmr. Ray; We are trying to be as transparent as possible to demonstrate to the taxpayer the cost of these projects so that they can make the best decision with the most accurate information possible.

**V. Statements by Recognized Organizations:** The Boards heard comments made by the following organizations in support of the new airport initiative;

Ms. Bonnie Frogner – Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce  
Mr. Mark Lygtte – University of Georgia  
Ms. Michelle Norris – Manager Turbine Solutions  
Mr. Antonio Dias – Owner Operator, Advanced Aircraft Refinishers

**VI. Adjournment:** The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, **Mr. Larry Johnson** motioned to adjourn & **Mr. Carl Pruett** seconded, the motion was unanimously passed

**VII Next Airport Authority Board Meeting : 14 July, 2014 6PM**  
**Location : One Griffin Center**

Respectfully Submitted:

Joanne Todd  
Secretary,  
Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority