



Legislation Text

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Department: Aviation

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready):

Approve Task Work Order #7 between the City of Ocala and McFarland Johnson, Inc. for the 2024 Airport Master and Stormwater Plans Update in the amount of \$881,161

OCALA'S RELEVANT STRATEGIC GOALS:

Operational Excellence

PROOF OF PUBLICATION:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recommends that an airport's master plan be updated once every 10 years, or after significant changes or improvements to the facility occur. In the case of Ocala, we have had both. Since the last master plan update in 2014, the new general aviation terminal was constructed; private hangar development increased dramatically; total based aircraft increased by 50 to a total of 197, including 20 jets; several non-aviation properties were sold; and many others have been released by the FAA for future sales. The airport is also impacted by rapid growth in its vicinity, which includes the World Equestrian Center, industrial parks along the I-75 corridor, and an overall influx of new residents. When combined, these factors influence the elements that are essential to the identification of the capital improvements necessary to maintain the airport and sustain its financial self-sufficiency.

The Master Plan project will be conducted by airport consultant, McFarland Johnson, Inc. (MJ), the scope of which is attached for reference and will be presented when all funding mechanisms are in place; we expect a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) grant to follow the FAA grant, shortly.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

- The project is encouraged by FAA and FDOT.
- The plan will be prepared in accordance with the guidance provided in FAA Advisory Circular 150/5070 -6B, *Airport Master Plans*, and FDOT Guidebook for Airport Master Planning and Florida Administrative Code (FAC) Chapter 14-60.

- McFarland Johnson, Inc. is the consultant conducting the study, operating under an existing general consulting agreement entered into effective July 20, 2022.
- MJ's fee was negotiated using the FAA-required independent fee review process and was a requirement to be offered the grant.
- The Airport Advisory Board supports this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

FAA Grant:	\$793,044.90	341-060-761-542-54-31010
FDOT Grant:	\$70,794.88	341-050-761-542-54-31010
Airport Match:	\$17,623.22	451-027-761-542-54-31010

Funding for this project was previously approved at the May 7, 2024 City Council Meeting via Budget Resolution #2024-135.

PROCUREMENT REVIEW:

These services were procured in compliance with the City's Procurement Policy.

LEGAL REVIEW:

This agreement has been reviewed and approved for form and legality by City Attorney, William E. Sexton.

ALTERNATIVE:

- Approve with Changes
- Table
- Deny