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Resolution

Burlington International Airport Noise Mitigation and Engagement Plan

Whereas the City of Winooski, Vermont, is located in a central transportation corridor in Vermont's most economically active region, requiring the City to work with many stakeholders, and;

Whereas the City of Winooski recognizes the positive local, regional, and statewide impacts from a successful, accessible air transportation infrastructure, and;

Whereas the Burlington International Airport has continued to thrive as a regional airport, bringing increased demand for commercial air traffic to our region, and;

Whereas the City of Winooski is located in close proximity to the Burlington International Airport and our community experiences a substantial impact as a result of noise and other environmental factors related to commercial and military air operations, and;

Whereas the Burlington International Airport is home to the Vermont Air National Guard and the United States Air Force is proposing to base F35A fighter jets at the Burlington International Airport, and;

Whereas the City of Winooski recognizes the high level of importance that the city be engaged in addressing how commercial and military air traffic impact our residents, business owners, visitors, and stakeholders, and;

Whereas the City of Winooski has continued to take a number of approaches to ensure the interests of our residents, businesses, and stakeholders are protected, including legal action, political action, and working together with the controlling partners at Burlington International Airport, and the City Council has expressed a continued willingness to engage these avenues to ensure Winooski's interests are protected;

Now therefore let it be resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winooski, Vermont the following:

The City of Winooski formally requests that Winooski be granted a Commissioner position on the Burlington Airport Commission, to represent the interests of our community in relation to decisions made around airport operations and strategic development, and;

The City of Winooski has appointed the City Manager and Mayor as representatives to the Burlington International Airport Noise Mitigation committee, and commits to participate in any subsequent committees that address sound to ensure the impact on our residents, businesses, and stakeholders is mitigated to levels that allow our community to continue to thrive and grow, and;

The City of Winooski calls upon all Burlington International Airport controlling entities, public and private stakeholders, the US Air Force, the Vermont Air National Guard, United States Army, and other entities related to airport operations to continue to engage in regular, productive, and proactive conversations with City representatives that ensure commercial and military airport operations do not degrade the livability or economic viability of Winooski and other neighboring communities, and commits that City staff will regularly report back to City Council and the public on the nature and outcomes of those discussions, and;

The City of Winooski commits City staff, as possible, to partner with Burlington International Airport, the Vermont Air National Guard, and the Vermont Army National Guard to share information with the community about scheduled operations that will have an atypical impact on residents, and;

The City of Winooski formally requests that the Vermont Congressional Delegation, who have supported the basing of F-35s at the Burlington International Airport and the continued growth of the Airport as a regional commercial air-traffic destination, commit to pursuing resources for any necessary mitigation assistance at the airport or in our community to offset any potential increased impact as a result of the proposed basing above and beyond what may be available via traditional funding methodologies (traditional methodologies include Federal Aviation Funds), and;

The City of Winooski formally requests that the Burlington International Airport perform an updated Part 150 Noise Study as proposed F-35 operational plans become reasonably understood, even if it preempts the standard five year timeline for updating such a study, and;

The City of Winooski formally requests, in reaction to a substantial change in sound contours during the most recent Part 150 Noise Study, that physical sound monitoring be conducted to determine an accurate baseline of noise experience in Winooski prior to the arrival of the F-35 Fighter Jet at Burlington International Airport.

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Affirmative Vote:



Mayor Seth Leonard



Councilor Brian Corrigan



Councilor Nicole Mace



Councilor Robert Millar



Councilor Brian Sweeney

Negative Vote

Mayor Seth Leonard

Councilor Brian Corrigan

Councilor Nicole Mace

Councilor Robert Millar

Councilor Brian Sweeney

Adopted on: November 7, 2016

Rejected on: _____

Attest

