



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Council Session

Item E6

**Public Hearing on Addition to Chapter 36 of the Grand Island
City Code Relative to Airport Approach and Turning Zones**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Chad Nabity, AICP
Meeting: February 14, 2012
Subject: Addition to Chapter 36 (Zoning)
Item #'s: E-6 & F-4
Presenter(s): Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director

Background

Concerning proposed amendments to Chapter 36 of the Grand Island City Code (Zoning) in the following area: §36-46 – Airport Approach and Turning Zones. (C-10-2012GI).

When the Grand Island Zoning regulations were updated and reconfigured in 2004 a section on airport zoning appears to have been left out. This section is the specific authority for the City to regulate the height of structures based on their proximity to the airport and the turning radii of plane and flight paths based on the runway location.

The regulations apply to the entire zoning map as an overlay created using maps provided to the airport and the City by the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics. City Staff is suggesting that the following language be added back into the zoning regulation as §36-46 – Airport Approach and Turning Zones

§36-46 Airport Approach and Turning Zones

(A) Height Restrictions: Notwithstanding height restrictions specified for any specific zone set forth herein, no building, vegetation, or use of land shall be constructed, moved in, or permitted to grow to a height exceeding the limits indicated on the zoning map entitled "Airport Approach and Turning Zone" as shown on a zoning map prepared by the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics, Engineering Division, dated November 12, 1974, revised January 17, 1985 and as amended July 17, 2002, by the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics Engineering Division for the Central Nebraska Regional Airport, Grand Island, Nebraska, and on file with the city clerk, which is part of this ordinance.

The July 17, 2002 map is the most current map provided by the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics.

Discussion

The readoption of this language into the Grand Island zoning regulations will enable the City of Grand Island to protect the airport from encroachments in the approach and turning zones. This will protect the investment made by the local, state and national governments in this infrastructure.

O'Neill opened the Public Hearing.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed changes at their meeting on February 1, 2012. No members of the public spoke in favor or against the proposed changes.

There was no further discussion.

O'Neill closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by McCarty and seconded by Hayes to approve the amendments to Chapter 36 of the Grand Island City Code. The motion carried with 10 members present and all voting in favor (McCarty, O'Neill, Ruge, Bredthauer, Reynolds, Haskins, Hayes, Connelly, Monter and Snodgrass) and no members abstaining.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the proposed changes as recommended.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the proposed changes to Chapter 36 as recommended and shown in Ordinance No. 9364.