9/25/2012

RESOLUTION NO. 1282

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING COMMERCIAL AIR PASSENGER AND OTHER INCOMPATIBLE AIR SERVICE AT PAINE FIELD LOCATED WITHIN SNOHOMISH COUNTY.

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1978, the Snohomish County Commission expressly supported "the selection of the new redefined General Aviation role" for Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1978, the Snohomish County Commission expressly cited in a document titled "Role for Development of Paine Field Selected" that "The General Aviation Role will limit the expansion of aviation activities at Paine Field which are least compatible with its dominant aviation role and which would impose the most severe adverse environmental impacts on the surround communities," and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1978, the Snohomish County Commission expressly cited in a document titled "Role for Development of Paine Field Selected" that "The General Aviation Role will provide the County with the best opportunity to successfully implement an aggressive, long term noise abatement program at Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the Snohomish County Government adopted an agreement referred to as the Mediated Role Determination (MRD) which strongly discourages commercial air passenger service at Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, since 1979, in good faith, families, business owners, and public schools have relied on the MRD, and invested billions of dollars into their homes, businesses, and schools in the vicinity of Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds agrees with the 1979 Paine Field Mediation Panel

Recommendation that Paine Field remain light aircraft oriented with the role as defined "General Aviation," and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council's decision to rely on Sea-Tac Airport to provide commercial airfield capacity through at least 2030 is the result of an elaborate regional decision-making process, and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council August 2001 Regional Airport System Plan states that "The primary purpose of general aviation airports is to provide alternate landing areas and aircraft basing facilities for general aviation aircraft, so major air carrier airports, such as Sea-Tac can concentrate on passengers and air cargo," and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council 2001 Destination 2030 and Regional Airport System Plan update states "Sea-Tac is expected to meet the region's commercial air passenger capacity needs until the year 2030 and perhaps beyond…," and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Regional Council Resolution 93-03 specifically states "that there are no feasible sites for a major supplemental airport within the four-county region, and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Regional Council Resolution 93-03 addressed the use of Paine Field for commercial service and the regional decision, as reflected in the resolution, states to "eliminate small supplemental airports, including Paine Field, as a preferred alternative," and

WHEREAS, in 2003 Snohomish County Airport embarked upon a study to identify conditions necessary to bring commercial air service to Paine Field Airport, and

WHEREAS, in 2006-2007, the Snohomish County Executive convened a panel to review the language of the Mediated Role Determination and the panel found that the MRD should remain a policy document that guides long-term decision making surrounding the airport, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a Final NEPA

Environmental Assessment (Final EA) on September 14, 2012 and the report assessed only impacts from the number of flights proposed by two airlines (one of which recently announced it is no longer interested in using Paine Field) and failed to account for cummulative impacts from a potential increase in the number of future flights, and

WHEREAS, Federal Aviation Administration laws stipulate that commercial air traffic cannot be limited once allowed and always takes precedence and that modifying Paine Field from a General Aviation to Commercial Traffic could jeopardize the ability of the Paine Field to maintain the Boeing, manufacturing, and general aviation emphasis of the airport that is unique to our area, and

WHEREAS, the implementation of expanded commercial and passenger air service to Paine Field will have adverse impacts to the City of Edmonds, its residents and property values, and

WHEREAS, the cities of Mukilteo, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and Woodway, (representing over 77,000) have joined the City of Edmonds in expressing their opposition to commercial and incompatible air service at Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds passed Resolution #810 on January 31, 1995, Resolution #1083 on February 22, 2005, Resolution #1095 on June 5, 2005, Resolution #1165 on February 5, 2008, and Resolution #1219 on January 5, 2010 stating and restating its opposition to commercial and passenger air service at Paine Field, and there has been no additional information to persuade the City Council to change said resolutions, and

WHEREAS, regional commercial passenger air service would jeopardize legally and financially, the County's substantial investment in airport facilities at Paine Field and a truly poor economic decision will foster a long term major confrontation which is not in the best

interests of the airport, County and surrounding communities, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council, past Councils, families, business owners, and public schools have, since 1978, in good faith, relied on the MRD and invested billions of dollars into their homes, businesses, and schools in the vicinity of Paine Field.

Section 2. The Mayor and Edmonds City Council reaffirm their earlier opposition to commercial air passenger service at Paine Field and call for the Snohomish County Executive and Council to reaffirm its commitment and support to the Mediated Role of Determination for Paine Field and to not take any actions that will support expansion of commercial air passenger service at Paine Field.

RESOLVED this 25th day of September, 2012.

David O. Earling, Mayor

Strom Peterson, Council President

ABSTAINED
Kristiana Johnson, Councilwoman

Joan Bloom, Councilwoman

NOT PRESENT
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilwoman

NOT PRESENT
Frank Yamamoto, Councilman

Diane Buckshnis, Councilwoman

Lora Petso, Councilwoman

Attest/Authenticated:

City Clerk, Sandra S. Chase

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