



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION NO. 2209: APPROVING A NEW INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Improve transportation systems

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Last November the city council adopted Resolution No. 2220 authorizing the city manager to execute an extension of the Southwest Washington Regional Airport Interlocal Cooperation Agreement through the end of 2018. Cowlitz County and the City of Kelso also approved the extension of that agreement with identical language last fall, but the Port of Longview did not. On February 8 the port adopted an amended version of the agreement. That amended version is now being brought back to the other participating entities for consideration; as this summary statement is being written it is anticipated it will be on meeting agendas for Kelso and the county on February 21.

The port's amended version adds a new clause on Page 9 at the end of the third sentence in Paragraph IX. B., Termination by PARTIES: ". . . ; provided, however, a PARTY who voted against a debt obligation after the date of this AGREEMENT shall have no liability or repayment obligation with respect to that debt obligation in the event the AGREEMENT is terminated."

City of Kelso officials have stated that they have no plans to propose that the airport take on any new debt during the next two years, therefore this new clause would have no impact on the other three entities. On the contrary, they have said that not having the port's annual financial contributions as a participating partner would significantly impair the efforts to improve airport operations, including maintenance activities.

The council was informed of the port's amended version of the interlocal agreement on February 9 and agreed to consider formally concurring with it on February 23.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2209.

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