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City of Willoughby Hills

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-4

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A RESOLUTION ADVISING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS' UNEQUIVOCAL OPPOSITION TO THE EXTENSION OF THE RUNWAY AT CUYAHOGA COUNTY AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, at their regular meeting on February 12, 2009, the Cuyahoga county Commissioners voted to grant authority to the Department of Development/Airport Division to submit various draft documents to the Federal Aviation Administration consisting of an Airport Layout Plan, an Airport Master Plan, and a Runway Safety Area Study which recommends Alternate #38 calling for a 900 foot extension of the existing runway along with relocation of a portion of Richmond Road in Richmond Heights and the altering of a section of Bishop Road in Highland Heights and Willoughby Hills; and

WHEREAS, at the same meeting on February 12, 2009, as well as at a similar Cuyahoga County Commissioners meeting on April 24, 2008, a large group of representatives from the Cities of Highland Heights, Richmond Heights, and Willoughby Hills made clear to the Cuyahoga County Commissioners their firm opposition to any proposals that would extend the existing runway or change the configuration of Bishop Road and Richmond Road; and; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2008, the Highland Heights City Council passed Resolution No. 17-2008 opposing the enlargement of size and expansion of the use of Cuyahoga County Airport; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2008, the Richmond Heights City Council passed Resolution No. 33-2008 supporting certain safety related improvements but opposing the proposed runway extension at Cuyahoga County Airport; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2008, the Willoughby Hills City Council passed Resolution No. 2008-3 and Resolution No. 2008-4 notifying the Cuyahoga County and Lake County Commissioners of their intent to fight any and all runway expansion of the Cuyahoga County Airport;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. The Federal Aviation Administration is hereby advised that the action taken by the Cuyahoga County Commissioners in regard to a runway extension at Cuyahoga County Airport is strenuously opposed by the City of Willoughby Hills and that the City will take whatever measures they can lawfully take to prevent the runway extension or to change the current alignment of Bishop Road, for the following reasons:

- a. The current space between the Richmond Road and Bishop Road rights of way is sufficient to relocate the current 5102 ft runway ends and provide adequate safety areas on either end. As opposed to Alternate 38, Alternate 8 (which was rejected because there appears to be a predetermined intent to extend the runway) addresses the safety areas, allows for declared distances to maximize the use of the current runway, and keeps the airport within the current fence lines.

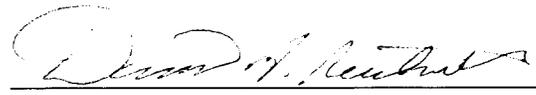
- b. The runway extension is proposed to enhance corporate jet traffic; however, based on the consultants' own surveys, there was little demand for a longer runway among the jet aircraft users surveyed. The primary safety concern among users of Cuyahoga county airport today, according to the surveys, is the **condition** of the runway, ramps and taxiways; not the length.
- c. As demonstrated by the consultant's own statistical data, the extension will increase the already unacceptable noise levels and other environmental damage currently endured by residents living under the runway.
- d. Relocation of Bishop Road will only serve to disrupt traffic flow in an already congested area, thus negatively affecting the safety, productivity and the quality of life for the residents of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of Council is instructed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Detroit, Michigan and Washington, D.C. offices of the FAA, the Cuyahoga County Commissioners, the Cities of Richmond Heights, Highland Heights, and any other cities adversely affected by the proposed expansion, as well as our State and Federal Government Representatives.

SECTION 3. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were conducted in lawful meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: March 26, 2009



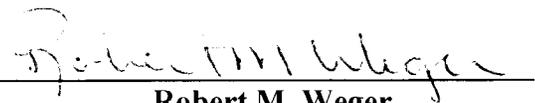
David A. Reichelt
President of Council, Pro-tem

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this 26 day of March, 2009

Approved by the Mayor
March 26, 2009

ATTEST:


Victoria Ann Savage, CMC
Clerk of Council



Robert M. Weger
Mayor