

**AD HOC REPORT**  
**Grenier - Airport Property Acquisition**

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Hon. Mark D. Boughton, Mayor  
Common Council Members

March 7, 2007

Chairman Ted Cutsumpas called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Committee members are Mr. Seabury and Mr. Visconti. Also in attendance are Deputy Corporation Counsel Les Pinter; Assistant Airport Administrator, Mike Safranek; Councilwoman Colleen Stanley and a member of the public.

Mr. Cutsumpas noted there is a positive Planning Commission report and also that the City will receive 95% or more in reimbursements on grants from state and federal programs. Mr. Pinter said the City's share is 1½%.

Mr. Cutsumpas asked Mr. Safranek to explain why this parcel is important to the city and airport. Mr. Safranek said the FAA is requiring trees be removed as a safety issue for the Runway 8 approach. Discussion followed about how this runway is used – for take off and landings. Mr. Visconti asked if there are any homes on this property and what monetary value are the Greniers looking to get. Mr. Pinter said there is one old, run down home on one lot. Our appraisal from 2 years ago was for \$480,000 – not including any remediation costs. Mr. Cutsumpas asked what work will be done on this property beyond just cutting trees. Mr. Safranek said the trees will be cut and the old house torn down.

Mr. Visconti asked if someone from the Grenier family should be here tonight. Mr. Pinter said this is the first step – giving Corporation Counsel authority to start the process – update the appraisal; get remediation figures; start negotiations. He also adjusted the City share – it is 1¼%. Mr. Safranek said we must move on this now. The FAA has made this imperative. The FAA has pressure on us to move fast. We've hired an engineering company who has experience with this type of work. By the end of '07 we should be close.

Ms. Stanley asked how many acres and if the \$480,000 was based on 8 lots? There are 9.7 acres and the appraisal was based on 7 lots.

Attorney Ray Yamin joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m. He said the Greniers had approval for 8 lots but never did anything with them. They would need to go back to P&Z for re-approval with current requirements. The Greniers are using a figure of \$1.2 million which is what they felt they could get for the approved housing development – but it was not approved. P&Z denied it.

Mr. Safranek said the FAA is giving us some latitude but we need to have a proactive approach. These lots are in the runway approach zone.

Mr. Cutsumpas asked if possibly the Greniers will accept the new appraisal price? Mr. Yamin said probably no because the appraisal may come in lower. Mr. Visconti said this is a safety issue. Can the FAA step in to help? Mr. Yamin said the FAA told us to take the 7 lots and get an avigation easement on the 8<sup>th</sup> lot. This type of easement extends into the air restricting the height of a building. The airplanes will be landing right next to the last lot. We need to have the 7 lots in order not to shorten the runway.

Mr. Seabury moved to accept the Resolution regarding the acquisition of the Grenier property on Miry Brook Road in accordance with the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Visconti. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Seabury moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Visconti. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ted Cutsumpas, Chairman

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Gregg Seabury

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Fred Visconti