



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting June 17, 2025
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting July 22, 2025

DATE: June 17, 2025

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On-Airport Land Lease Agreement between the City of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi International Airport and the U. S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing a no-fee 20-year lease agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for 2.7896 acres of land at the Corpus Christi International Airport for the operation of an Airport Surveillance Radar. (28- day delay required between readings)

SUMMARY:

The FAA currently leases land that houses their Airport Surveillance Radar (ASR). The lease expires September 30, 2025, both the FAA and the Airport wish to renew this lease for 20 years. The lease is identical to the previous 20-year lease, with the addition of two security clauses, 6.9.5-1 and 6.9.5-2.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

This ASR helps both the city, airport and the FAA in the following manner:

For the Airport:

- **Sees all the airplanes nearby:** It constantly scans the airspace around the airport, showing air traffic controllers the position and movement of all aircraft within a certain range.
- **Helps manage traffic:** This information allows controllers to safely and efficiently direct planes as they approach, depart, and move around the airport area. They can prevent planes from getting too close to each other.
- **Keeps things orderly:** It helps maintain a smooth flow of air traffic, reducing delays and making sure everyone knows where they need to be.

For the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration):

- **Ensures safety:** The FAA relies on this radar data to oversee the safety of the national airspace system. It helps them monitor traffic patterns and identify potential hazards.
- **Manages the bigger picture:** The data collected by these radars feeds into the FAA's larger air traffic control network, allowing them to coordinate flights across the country.
- **Tracks aircraft:** It provides a way to track aircraft movements, which is important for security and efficiency on a national level.

Basically, the airport surveillance radar provides a real-time picture of the airspace around the airport, enabling air traffic controllers and the FAA to manage air traffic safely and efficiently. It's a crucial tool for preventing accidents and keeping the skies organized.

ALTERNATIVES:

No acceptable alternatives at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	N/A
Organization/Activity:	N/A
Department:	N/A
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	N/A
Amount:	N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends approval of the FAA Lease Agreement No. 697DCM-25-L-00073 for the operation of an Airport Surveillance Radar (ASR).

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Lease Agreement