



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 18-18

City Council

5/10/2018

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Vice President Sherri F. Myers

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-18 - RECOGNIZING AND HONORING ASHTON J. HAYWARD, III

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council adopt Resolution No.18-18.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MAYOR ASHTON J. HAYWARD, III, FOR HIS EFFORTS IN BRINGING THE VT MOBILE AREOSPACE ENGINEERING, INC. PROJECT TO THE PENSACOLA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

The VT MAE project started in 2013 when Mayor Hayward informed the City Council that the City had executed a nonbinding Memorandum of Understanding with ST Aerospace of Mobile, Inc. which allowed the City to begin contract negotiations for the leasing of Airport property.

Through a collaborative effort between the Mayor, City Council, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners and the Greater Pensacola Chamber, ST Aerospace was drawn to the airport with a proposal to expand their current aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul operations to the Airport.

In September of 2014, Mayor Hayward signed the final lease agreement between the City of Pensacola and VT Mobile Aerospace Engineering Inc. (VT MAE) for the development of a Maintenance, Repair Overhaul (MRO) Hangar at the Pensacola International Airport.

Per the lease, the City of Pensacola will construct an aircraft hangar complex on nearly 19 acres at the Pensacola International Airport and lease the facilities to VT MAE for a 30-year term. The original configuration was designed to accommodate two wide-body aircraft inside of a 160,000 square foot MRO facility. In 2015, the design configuration was expanded to 173,452 square foot facility and will now have the ability to accommodate either two Boeing 777's, four Boeing 757's, or six Airbus A-320 sized aircraft.

The new MRO Hangar at the Pensacola International Airport (PIA) will create 400 new jobs and will bring a new industry to the area. VT MAE will hire skilled personnel including Master Airplane Technicians, Aircraft

Inspectors, Master Structures Technicians, Sheet Metal Mechanics, and Avionics Technicians. Local economic development agencies, local educational institutions, and VT MAE have worked together to implement training programs to create a sustainable workforce.

By working with VT MAE, Pensacola will be able to create quality, high-paying jobs and cement Pensacola's position as a true contender for aviation and aerospace industry investments. This partnership aligns well with the City's regional goals to create a robust aerospace cluster and to improve business and job opportunities for the citizens of Pensacola and Escambia County.

Design and construction of the \$46 million dollar project is being made possible through a combination of funds from the State of Florida/Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the City of Pensacola, Escambia County, VT MAE, and the Industry Recruitment, Retention and Expansion Fund.

PRIOR ACTION:

None

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Resolution No. 18-18

PRESENTATION: No