

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 24-23

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 23-1156

RECITALS:

The *Public Airport Authority Act (Act)* authorizes a county or a municipality, or a combination of counties and municipalities, to create an airport authority to operate an airport located within the county or municipality or the combination of counties and municipalities. Grand Junction Regional Airport was created by the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County and exists pursuant to the Act which became Colorado law in 1965. House Bill 23-1156 (HB 23-1156) proposes to modernize the Act. The City Council supports that effort.

The changes proposed by HB 23-1156 include changes to definitions, clarification of roles and responsibilities if an airport authority is terminated, clarification that airport authority board member services are subject to the statutory ethics and conflict of interest provisions that apply to local government officials, adds a provision that a board member appointed to fill a vacancy may be appointed to serve a successive term, and that board meetings are subject to statutory open meetings requirements.

House Bill 23-1163 further provides a process by which a board procures contracts, including updating the process for a board to award a contract to the lowest bidder after soliciting an invitation for bids and clarifying that the process to award a contract to the lowest bidder applies only to capital improvement projects and the purchase of new vehicles and equipment;.

House Bill 23-1163 clarifies that an airport authority must follow local zoning regulations when erecting structures within an airport authority and that an airport authority may invest surplus money in a local government investment pool.


House Bill 23-1163 allows an airport authority to request that a county or municipality within which the airport authority is located levy a tax for the airport authority's benefit or modify or adopt certain local zoning regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council supports House Bill 23-1163 and the various provisions of the Public Airport Authority Act; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council urges HB 23-1163 be approved by the General Assembly and that Governor Polis sign the legislation as a necessary and appropriate modification of the Public Airport Authority Act.

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST



Amy Phillips
City Clerk



Anna M. Stout
President of the City Council

