

ORDINANCE NO. 4079

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WALKER FIELD AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

RECITALS:

A request to amend the Walker Field Airport Master Plan has been submitted by the Walker Field Airport Authority.

Walker Field Airport Authority was created in 1971 under the Public Airport Authority Act of 1965. The developed area of Walker Field Airport currently consists of three types of uses: 1) Aeronautical; 2) Aeronautical-Commercial; and 3) Non-Aeronautical-Commercial. There are two active runways capable of handling commercial, military, propeller and general aviation traffic into the Grand Junction area. The Area that is being affected by the proposed amendment is the Aeronautical-Commercial area, the main airport terminal and associated support facilities, and the Aeronautical area west of the runways.

The existing Master Plan and Planned Development zoning ordinance for Walker Field was reviewed and approved by City Council in 2004. This established the standards and requirements for development on the airport property. The proposed amendment will provide improved traffic circulation, public parking facilities and additional landscape buffering and screening of the Walker Field Airport property. The specific improvements proposed with this amendment request can be found in file #PLN-2007-032 in the Public Works & Planning Department and a general overview on attached Exhibit "A".

The City Council finds that the request to amend the Walker Field Airport Master Plan is consistent with the Growth Plan and Section 2.20.C of the Zoning and Development Code.

The Planning Commission, having heard and considered the request, found the criteria of the Zoning Code to have been met, and recommends that the amendment be approved as requested.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

- a. The Amendment to the Master Plan is hereby approved for the Walker Field Airport property.
- b. The approved Amended Master Plan shall be valid for a minimum of five years unless otherwise established and all projects shall be developed in conformance with the approved plan.
- c. An amended Master Plan is required if significant changes are proposed.

Introduced for first reading on this 18th day of April, 2007.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of May, 2007.

Attest:

/s/: James J. Doody
President of the Council

/s/: Stephanie Tuin
City Clerk

Exhibit "A"

