

Memo

To: City Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director
Date: December 21, 2018
Re: New AWOS agreement with MDOT

As council members may know, the city operates an automated weather system (AWOS) to aid pilots flying into Beach Airport, and it does this in conjunction with the MDOT Bureau of Aeronautics under an agreement specifying the terms of the partnership.

Under the agreement, the City makes quarterly payments to MDOT and in turn MDOT supplies their technical expertise to ensure the system stays up-to-date and operating. For some AWOS activities, the expense is shared with MDOT 50%, for others the entire cost is the responsibility of the city. This is detailed in the agreement.

On your agenda for Monday evening's meeting is the approval of a new agreement with MDOT that is essentially the same as our previous contracts, however it is for a term of 5 years, rather than 3. That is the only significant change from before.

The AWOS is an important component of our airfield infrastructure, and I recommend your approval of this agreement. Like other contracts with MDOT, the council must pass a resolution approving the agreement, and also a resolution specifying who has the authority to sign the agreement.