



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Keith Stahley, City Manager
FROM: Planning Commission

SUBJECT:

Planning Commission requests City Council consider funding a feasibility study for renewable energy at the Salem Municipal Airport (McNary Field).

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Natural Environment Stewardship; Safe Community; and Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure.

SUMMARY:

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to forward the attached letter requesting that the City Council conduct a feasibility study for the installation of a photovoltaic (PV) array, battery storage, and microgrid at Salem’s McNary Field.

ISSUE:

Information Only.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information Only.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The City has approved funding for improvements to the airport and is also undertaking an Airport Master Plan process. The Planning Commissions recommends that the scope of the master plan be expanded to include a solar feasibility study.

BACKGROUND:

The Planning Commission acts as an advisory commission to the City Council with a broad scope of concern in promoting the growth and orderly development of the city.

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Deputy Community and Urban Development Director

Attachments:

1. Planning Commission Letter to the City Council