

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item number: 4.a

Title:

Presentation and Discussion of Air Traffic and Airplane Noise over St. Charles

Presenter:

Peter Suhr

Meeting: Government Services Committee

Date: October 24, 2016

Proposed Cost: \$0.0

Budgeted Amount: \$0.0

Not Budgeted: **Executive Summary** (if not budgeted please explain):

In July of 2015, the Government Operations Committee considered to petition the Federal Aviation Administration to restrict air traffic over St. Charles and join the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC). At the time, this request was brought forth by a St. Charles resident with the following information:

- DuPage Airport, located just east of St. Charles, is the third largest reliever airport in the State. It accommodates departures and arrivals of three-hundred flights per day and it has the second longest runway in the State.
- The St. Charles resident wanted the City of St. Charles to join the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission to petition the FAA to restrict air traffic over our city, and limit the type of airliner traffic above St. Charles to corporate and private aircraft only. In addition, the resident wanted the City of St. Charles to request that all commercial aircraft from other airports be prohibited from entering the airspace above St. Charles, including an area within a 10 mile radius around DuPage Airport.

In July of 2015, City staff provided the Committee with specific information about the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission and also provided relevant perspective from the Village of Bartlett, who is a member of the ONCC.

After review and discussion of the information, the Government Operations Committee unanimously rejected to sign the petition to the FAA and to limit the type of airliner traffic above St. Charles. However, the Committee did request that City Staff continue to monitor the situation and report back periodically.

In August of 2016, staff was prepared to do so; however the discussion was tabled by Alderman Lemke because he was waiting on information from both the FAA and Air Traffic Control.

To date, Alderman Lemke has received some correspondence from the airport agencies and staff is prepared to provide the latest information and data about airplane noise over St. Charles including resident complaints we have received since July 2015.

Attachments (please list):

None

Recommendation/Suggested Action (briefly explain):

None – For discussion only