



City of Apache Junction

Home of the Superstition Mountains

DATE: MAY 19, 2025

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

THROUGH: BRYANT POWELL, CITY MANAGER

FROM: ROB WISLER, MANAGEMENT ANALYST

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 25-16: UPDATE TO MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT/IGA/BYLAWS

Background/Discussion

In 2013, the City Council voted to become part of the Mesa Gateway Airport Authority. The City, through the Mesa Gateway Airport Authority, is a joint owner of the Mesa Gateway Airport along with the City of Mesa, Town of Gilbert, Town of Queen Creek, and Gila River Indian Community. The City of Phoenix was previously a joint owner until it notified the Authority of its intent to withdraw from the Authority effective July 1, 2024. For many years the Airport was known as "Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport." After the City of Phoenix relinquished its membership, the Airport Authority voted to change its name to Mesa Gateway Airport. Mesa Gateway Airport is requesting to change its Joint Powers Authority Agreement, the enabling document for the Authority, along with the IGA and the bylaws to reflect the name change and to remove commitments made by Phoenix to the Authority, to change the budget timeframe so that the budget may be introduced in June instead of April, as well as to make non-substantive technical corrections. As part of this process, each member community is requested to approve the new JPAA, IGA, and Bylaws.

Analysis and Recommendation

As member of the board of directors, Mayor Wilson voted in favor of the name change to Mesa Gateway. The board voted to approve the change of name. The Airport anticipates this change will help better reflect the geographic area and its location within the city of Mesa incorporated limits as it continues to recruit additional airlines and job creators. The name change recognizes the significant financial contributions made to the airport by the City of Mesa since its transition to a civilian airport in 1994. The Airport is a major economic development asset to the entire East Valley region. Staff is supportive of the proposed requested changes to the documents.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the City from this Resolution.

Next Steps

Staff plans for this Resolution to be placed on the consent agenda for the June 3rd City Council Meeting.