



**City of Venice
City Manager's Report
Agenda Item Request**

DATE: September 9, 2016

TO: Ed Lavalley, City Manager

FROM: Mark Cervasio, Airport Director

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: September 27, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of Skydiving Standard Operating Procedures

Background:

In 2009, the City of Venice received a proposal to establish a skydiving operation with a Parachute Drop Zone (PDZ) at Venice Municipal Airport (VNC). The operator proposed to utilize one (1) single-engine aircraft to drop up to two (2) tandem jumpers at one time. The business would be open seven (7) days per week throughout the year, but activity would vary by demand, weather and wind conditions.

On December 1-2, 2015, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) performed a Flight Risk Assessment to identify the current level of risk associated with the proposed skydiving operation and to identify possible mitigation measures that could be implemented to lower that level of risk. Based on that assessment, the FAA provided recommendations on mitigation measures that should be implemented at VNC in order to lower the existing risk level from medium to low. Development of formalized skydiving operating procedures was one of the mitigation measures identified and recommended by the FAA.

Since FAA guidance and grant assurances require that access to the Airport be provided for skydiving as a recognized aeronautical activity, approval of the proposed procedures will assist the City in maintaining compliance with that agency while mitigating some of the risk associated with conducting skydiving operations at VNC.

Requested Action:

Staff requests that City Council approve the proposed Skydiving Standard Operating Procedures.

City Attorney:

The City Attorney's office has reviewed and approved the proposed Skydiving Standard Operating Procedures.

Federal Aviation Administration:

The FAA reviewed the proposed Skydiving Standard Operating Procedures and provided comments, which were incorporated into the final document to the extent practicable, as presented here.

Attachments:

Skydiving Standard Operating Procedures