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Aviation Committee Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. IV.c

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE AVIATION COMMITTEE

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TITLE: Review of Proposed Revisions to Council Policy A-17

ABSTRACT:

In January 2025, the Newport Beach City Council formed the Ad Hoc Council Policy Review Committee to review and propose revisions to policies included in the Council's Policy Manual. Among the policies the Ad Hoc committee chose to review was A-17, the City Council's Airport Policy. Mayor Lauren Kleiman served as a member of the Ad Hoc committee and recommended that the Aviation Committee review the proposed changes to Policy A-17 prior to the City Council's review.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and approve, or recommend changes to, the proposed revisions to Council Policy A-17.

DISCUSSION:

The Ad Hoc Council Policy Review Committee was formed in early 2025 and consisted of now Mayor Lauren Kleiman and Councilmembers Joe Stapleton and Sara Weber. The Ad Hoc Committee reviewed a number of policies to ensure the language was current, clear and concise. One of the policies reviewed was Council Policy A-17, the City Council's Airport Policy. The Ad Hoc Committee's work was completed at the end of 2025 and the proposed changes to Council Policy A-17 and other Council policies are scheduled to go before the City Council for review in February.

A copy of the proposed revisions to Council Policy A-17 is included as Attachment A. Among the proposed changes:

- Expanding the title to read Newport Beach City Council Airport and Aviation Policy as the policy would address off-airport aviation-related matters, such as Advanced Air Mobility
- Including references to Advanced Air Mobility
- Removing redundant language
- Removing the exhibits which included documents such as 2014 Amendment to the Settlement Agreement and made the policy more than 100 pages long. The documents are readily available for public view in other places on the City website.

The current version of Council Policy A-17 is included as Attachment B.

Staff is recommending the Aviation Committee review and approve, or recommend changes to, the proposed revisions to the policy before the item is presented to the City Council.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Revised Council Policy A-17 (Proposed)
Attachment B – Council Policy A-17 (Current)