CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AVIATION DEPARTMENT INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Exchange of fire and rescue training aircraft salvage at San Antonio International

Airport

DATE:

October 23, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed ordinance authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to approve on behalf of the City of San Antonio, an exchange of the aircraft salvage previously donated by Candler & Associates, Inc, pursuant to Ordinance 93662 of March 29, 2001, for another aircraft salvage derived from a decertified scrap Fairchild Metro III, Serial Number AC-406, previously registered N227FA. Candler & Associates, Inc. will exchange the two aircraft salvages at no cost to the City of San Antonio. The exchanged aircraft salvage will also serve as a static model for which fire personnel at San Antonio International Airport (SAT) can be trained for aircraft fire and rescue response.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ordinance Number 93662, dated March 29, 2001, authorized the acceptance of a gift from Candler & Associates, Inc., on behalf of Fairchild Aircraft Incorporated, consisting of the final salvage (fuselage and wing) of a Fairchild Metro II aircraft, Serial Number TC-236, previously registered N163MA. It was parked on the airfield, near the Airport Fire Station. The aircraft was deregistered with the FAA as "Scrapped", and the data plate removed. By accepting the gift, the City of San Antonio Aviation Department agreed not to ever attempt to return the aircraft to airworthy status.

It was also agreed that the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) section would solely use the aircraft salvage for fire rescue and training exercises and other associated uses. It also aids in aircraft familiarization training for the fire fighters.

In September 2003, Candler & Associates offered to replace this aircraft with a Fairchild III, Serial Number AC-406, and to dispose of the one previously donated per Ordinance Number 93662, at no cost to the City of San Antonio. The replacement aircraft has been deregistered with the FAA as "Scrapped" and the Data Plates removed from the aircraft. The aircraft is to remain in a non-airworthy condition, and will be used solely for fire fighting training and other associated uses, as deemed fit by the ARFF section at SAT.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The proposed ordinance is consistent with City Council policy for acceptance of gifts to the City. Furthermore, the ability of fire and rescue personnel to conduct such training exercises will assist in promoting public safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

No budgetary impact will occur as a result of this exchange.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Asset Management Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

No Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is required for this action.

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