



## City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** May 7, 2019

**TO:** Jim Throop, City Manager

**FROM:** Richard Fernbaugh, Aviation/Transportation Administrator  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize the City Manager to sign a Lease Agreement with Jeff Thomas for Use of the Maintenance Hangar at Lompoc Airport

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign a Lease Agreement (attached) with Jeff Thomas, doing business as Flight Support Lompoc, for use of the Maintenance Hangar at the Lompoc Airport.

### **Background:**

The Maintenance hangar at the Lompoc Airport was previously leased to Mr. Larry Curtis for 20 years, from July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2022. Mr. Curtis vacated the premises on December 20, 2018, defaulting on his lease and leaving the facility available for a new tenant.

### **Discussion:**

It is important for the Lompoc Airport to have a mechanic onsite to provide services for the 85 aircraft at the Airport and for others who may need services when they are in the area.

Jeff Thomas proposes to utilize the hangar for providing aircraft maintenance, storage of aircraft parts, aircraft restoration, flight instruction, aircraft sales and other related aeronautical activities.

Mr. Thomas is currently an airline pilot and also has done World War II aircraft acquisition and restoration with the late Paul Allen and the Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum in Everett, Washington.

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**Fiscal Impact:**

The Lease Agreement provides for an initial lease period of five years with an option for an additional five years and a starting lease rate of \$1,814 per month, providing \$21,768 in revenue to the airport in the first year of the Lease Agreement, with yearly scheduled increases each year thereafter.

**Conclusion:**

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign a Lease Agreement with Mr. Jeff Thomas for use of the Maintenance hangar at the Lompoc Airport.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Fernbaugh, Aviation/Transportation Administrator

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY MANAGER:**

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Michael W. Luther, P.E., Public Works Director

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachment: Lease Agreement