

ITEM #: 30
DATE: 11-08-22

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: RENAMING THE AMES MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AFTER JAMES HERMAN BANNING

BACKGROUND:

On September 27, 2022, staff presented a report to the City Council on the renaming of the Ames Municipal Airport after Mr. James Herman Banning. During that meeting, staff discussed the City Council Naming Policy and how it applies to the Airport. The discussion also covered guidance from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) staff on what is required to change the Airport's name in their system. As a reminder, the FAA only requires a resolution stating the exact new name in the resolution for them to begin the publishing process in the national airport systems database. The Federal process of publishing the name is expected to take several months.

The Airport can begin changing the local signage after the resolution has been approved. It is estimated to be around \$7,400 to change both sides of the Terminal Building and the main entrance signage off Airport Road. City Council directed staff to bring back an item to change the name to the "James Herman Banning Ames Municipal Airport."

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can decide to:
 - a) Rename the Ames Municipal Airport to the "James Herman Banning Ames Municipal Airport", and
 - b) Authorize \$7,400 from the City Council Contingency for the Airport signage changes.
2. The City Council can decide to retain the name "Ames Municipal Airport."

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

In accordance with City Council's previous direction, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above. If approved, staff will provide FAA with the renaming resolution to begin the Federal process and will initiate changing the local signage.