City panel endorses airport deal

The city commission approved the proposal that came out of the airport task force that has been meeting since 2010. The commission heard from airport representatives and community members who spoke in favor of the proposal.

The proposed deal would include a new airport terminal, a new control tower, and improvements to the existing facilities. The city commission voted 4-1 in favor of the proposal, with Commissioner Bill Johnson voting against it.

The airport task force was created in 2010 by the city commission to develop a comprehensive plan for the airport. The task force consisted of representatives from the city, airport, and community.

The proposed deal includes a new terminal building, which would cost $100 million to build. The new terminal would include more gates and a larger parking garage.

The proposed deal also includes the construction of a new control tower, which would cost $25 million. The new control tower would include a state-of-the-art weather station and other advanced technology.

The city commission heard from both supporters and opponents of the proposal. Supporters cited the need for the airport to keep up with the growing demand for air travel, while opponents expressed concerns about the cost of the proposal and the impact on the environment.

The city commission's vote was a significant step forward in the process of expanding the airport. The next step is for the city commission to negotiate with the airport operator to finalize the details of the proposal.