

BILL NO. 22-79

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONTOUR AVIATION TO PROVIDE AIR CARRIER SERVICE UNDER THE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE PROGRAM, AT THE CAPE GIRARDEAU REGIONAL AIRPORT

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WHEREAS, on March 11, 2022, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) requested proposals from air carriers interested in providing Essential Air Service to multiple communities, including Cape Girardeau; and

WHEREAS, in selecting a carrier to provide subsidized essential air service, the U.S. DOT considers the following factors: 1) service reliability; 2) contractual and marketing arrangements the applicant has made with a larger carrier to ensure service beyond the hub airport; 3) interline arrangements with a larger carrier at the hub; 4) preferences of the actual and potential users of the EAS, giving substantial weight to the views of the elected officials representing the users; and 5) whether the air carrier has included a plan in its proposal to market its EAS to the community; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. DOT received proposals for the above-mentioned service from three providers: Southern Airways, Boutique Airlines, and Contour Aviation; and

WHEREAS, after considering each of the airline proposals, the final recommendations of the Airport Advisory Board are: 1) to recommend to the United States Department of Transportation to award the Essential Air Service four-year contract to Contour Aviation, to provide scheduled air service between Cape Girardeau and Nashville International Airport, and 2) to recommend to the United States Department of Transportation to award such contract to Contour Aviation, utilizing the twelve weekly, roundtrip schedules to Nashville International Airport as contained in the proposal submitted by Contour Aviation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1. The City Council hereby accepts the final recommendations of the Airport Advisory Board pertaining to

carrier selection for Essential Air Service at the Cape Girardeau Regional Airport, and directs the City Manager 1) to recommend to the United States Department of Transportation to award the Essential Air Service four-year contract to Contour Aviation, to provide scheduled air service between Cape Girardeau and Nashville International Airport, and 2) to recommend to the United States Department of Transportation to award such contract to Contour Aviation, utilizing the twelve weekly, roundtrip schedules to Nashville International Airport as contained in the proposal submitted by Contour Aviation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Stacy Kinder, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bruce Taylor, Deputy City Clerk

