

BILL NO. 25-67

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2025, 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 six providers: Southern Airways, Air Wisconsin, Denver Air Connection, SkyWest, Contour, and American Airlines; 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 two-year contract to American Airlines, to provide scheduled air service between Cape Girardeau and Chicago O'Hare International Airport and between Cape Girardeau and Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, and 2) to recommend to the United States Department of Transportation to award such contract to American Airlines, utilizing the round trip schedules to Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Dallas Fort Worth International Airport as contained in the proposal submitted by American Airlines.

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 two-year contract to American Airlines, to provide scheduled air service between Cape Girardeau and Chicago O'Hare International Airport and between Cape Girardeau and Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, and 2) to recommend to the United States Department of Transportation to award such contract to American Airlines, utilizing the round trip schedules to Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Dallas Fort Worth International Airport as contained in the proposal submitted by American Airlines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Stacy Kinder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bruce Taylor, Deputy City Clerk

