



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

RESOLUTION 23-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL SUPPORTING RAVN ALASKA AS THE AIR CARRIER FOR SELECTION UNDER THE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE PROGRAM FOR SAINT PAUL ISLAND

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul, Alaska was incorporated on June 29, 1971 under the laws of the State of Alaska and became a Second-Class City, thereby assuming the responsibility and authority to provide public services from the United States government and the State of Alaska, and;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) issued an order on May 1, 2023 requesting proposals from air carriers interested in providing Essential Air Service (EAS) at Saint Paul Island, Alaska, (St. Paul) for a new contract term beginning October 1, 2023, with or without subsidy (*see attached*), and;

WHEREAS, interested air carriers should file proposals no later than June 1, 2023, and;

WHEREAS, the DOT received two proposals, on or before the deadline, from Alaska Central Express and Ravn Alaska (*see attached*); and,

WHEREAS, Ravn Alaska currently provides service to Saint Paul Island three times a week with a Dehavilland Dash-8 100 aircraft, and;

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Saint Paul supports Ravn Alaska's proposed continuation of existing service pattern, offering three weekly roundtrips between Saint Paul Island and Anchorage with Dash-8-100 aircraft configured for 25 passenger seats and 534 cubic feet of luggage and cargo space, and;

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Saint Paul supports a schedule of Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and;

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Saint Paul supports Ravn Alaska's request for the ability to increase scheduled service between Anchorage and Saint Paul Island during peak periods that will be available to completion and compensation subject to not exceeding the annual levels of operation or compensation outlined in their proposals, and;

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Saint Paul supports reduction in the airfares for residents due to the unreasonable high cost of a round trip airfare to and from Saint Paul Island, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul finds that Ravn Alaska's proposal best meets the air carrier passenger service needs of Saint Paul Island and supports the choice of Ravn Alaska in the EAS selection process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL THIS 20th DAY OF JUNE 2023 BY 6 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED AND 0 ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:


Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk


Jacob N. Mercurief, Mayor