

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH THE LITTLE ROCK REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00), TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Article 12, Section 5 (b)(2) of the Arkansas Constitution permits a Municipal Government to enter into a contract for Economic Development Services; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas (City), seeks to expand its economic base by contracting with an organization for Economic Development Services; and,

WHEREAS, after a competitive Request for Qualifications process in 2020, in which the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce was the only respondent, the Selection Committee, appointed by the City Manager, scored the technical proposal as qualified and recommended that a contract be awarded to the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce; and,

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, the Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock passed Resolution No. 15,378 to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce to provide Economic Development Consulting Services through December 31, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15,378 provided further that by mutual agreement of the parties of the contract, the agreement can be extended for the same amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for up to three (3) additional one (1)-year terms; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15,601 (December 21, 2021) provided for an additional one (1)-year term from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the City Manager to extend a contract with the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce to provide Economic Development Consulting Services to the City in accordance with the terms and conditions offered in the proposal submitted in response to the request for proposals Bid No. 1047 in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

1 **Section 2.** Funds for the Economic Development Consulting Services pursuant to the contract
2 authorized by this resolution will be made available through an Account No. 100000-63390.

3 **Section 3. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or
4 word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
5 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and
6 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the
7 resolution.

8 **Section 4. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent
9 with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

10 **ADOPTED: December 6, 2022**

11 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

12
13 _____
14 **Susan Langley, City Clerk**

_____ **Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

15 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

16
17 _____
18 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

19 //

20 //

21 //

22 //

23 //

24 //

25 //

26 //

27 //

28 //

29 //

30 //

31 //

32 //

33 //

34 //

35 //