RESOLUTION NO.


#### Abstract

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BLOCK BY BLOCK, AN SMS HOLDINGS COMPANY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ( $\$ 500,000.00$ ), FOR THE DOWNTOWN AMBASSADOR PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.


WHEREAS, in a continued effort to promote a cleaner and safer district that encourages people to shop, play, eat, and do business downtown the City of Little Rock sought proposals from qualified vendors for a Downtown Ambassador Program; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock (the City) received one (1) response from Block by Block, an SMS Holdings Company, and the Selection Committee approved the proposal pursuant Bid Event No. 2134; and,

WHEREAS, upon the formal adoption of this resolution, a contract will be negotiated, finalized and executed with Block by Block in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ( $\$ 500,000.00$ ), plus applicable taxes and fees; and,

WHEREAS, the term of the agreement shall be for one (1)-year, and upon mutual agreement, the contract may be extended for up to two (2) additional one (1)-year terms; and,

WHEREAS, source funding is available from the City's 2023 Budget for Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars $(\$ 250,000.00)$ allocated in Account No. 100000-63390 with the remaining Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ( $\$ 250,000.00$ ) provided by the Little Rock Convention \& Visitors Bureau, with LRCVB Board approval on December 7, 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 enter into an agreement with Block by Block, an SMS Holdings Company, in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars $(\$ 500,000.00)$ plus applicable fees and taxes to provide the Downtown Ambassador Program.

Section 2. Funds for this program are available from the City's 2023 Budget for Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ( $\$ 250,000.00$ ) allocated in $100000-63390$ with the remaining Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars $\$ 250,000.00$ provided by the Little Rock Convention \& Visitors Bureau.

Section 3. The term for such contract shall be for one (1)-year, and upon mutual agreement, the con-
tract may be extended for up to two (2) additional one (1)-year terms or a portion; and the effective date of any approved and executed contract shall be in a form acceptable to the City Attorney as to legal form.

Section 4. All payments are conditioned upon entry into a contract for services; further, nothing in this resolution limits the ability of the City, in its sole discretion, to procure similar services from another vendor during the term of the contract authorized here.

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

Section 6. Repealer. All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

## ADOPTED: July 5, 2023

## Susan Langley, City Clerk

## APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

## ATTEST:

## APPROVED:

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

