

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT EXTENSION BETWEEN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; THE BILL AND HILLARY CLINTON NATIONAL AIRPORT; THE LITTLE ROCK PORT AUTHORITY; LITTLE ROCK WATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY; ROCK REGION METRO; AND THE PETER DAMON GROUP FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND CONSULTING SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, along with the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport, the Little Rock Port Authority, Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority, and Rock Region METRO (collectively, the “Parties”), each have a continuing need for federal government relations and consulting services, including federal advocacy, appropriations support, regulatory affairs, and economic development assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that it is in their mutual best interest to jointly engage in a federal government relations firm due to their similar needs and the efficiencies gained by equally sharing the cost of such services; and,

WHEREAS, The Peter Damon Group, in partnership with Ice Miller LLP, currently serves as the incumbent federal government relations team for the City of Little Rock and has demonstrated a strong record of performance, deep municipal expertise, and proven success in securing federal funding and advancing legislative priorities with expertise in navigating Congress and federal agencies, conducting high-level meetings with key decision-makers, securing grants for local projects, and managing advocacy efforts ranging from grassroots engagement to legislative drafting and negotiation; and,

WHEREAS, the Peter Damon Group and Ice Miller LLP team is comprised of former White House and Capitol Hill senior staff, experienced government officials, and professionals specializing in communications, advocacy, and business development, and provides comprehensive federal advocacy services including appropriations, infrastructure, transportation, public safety, regulatory affairs, and economic development; and,

WHEREAS, the total cost of the proposed contract extension is One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00), to be equally divided among the Parties, with the City of Little Rock's share not to exceed Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00); and,

1 **WHEREAS**, the services to be provided under the contract extension will continue to deliver value to
2 the City of Little Rock through a customized, hands-on approach, strong local insight, proven results
3 aligned with municipal priorities, and full compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, ensuring
4 ethical and transparent representation.

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

7 **Section 1.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a contract extension with
8 The Peter Damon Group for federal government relations and consulting services, jointly with the Bill and
9 Hillary Clinton National Airport, the Little Rock Port Authority, Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority,
10 and Rock Region METRO.

11 **Section 2.** The total cost of the contract extension shall not exceed \$120,000.00, with the City of Little
12 Rock's financial obligation not to exceed \$24,000.00.

13 **Section 3.** Funding for the City's portion of the contract shall be paid from Federal Consultant Account
14 No. 108129-S10C627.

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

19 **Section 5. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with
20 the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

21 **ADOPTED: February 3, 2026**

22 **ATTEST:**

23 **APPROVED:**

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25 **Allison Segars, City Clerk**

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27 **Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

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29 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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31 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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