



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Phillip A. Zavadil, City Manager

CC: Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk; Stephanie Mandregan, Finance Director

DATE: June 15, 2023

RE: Resolution 23-15

SUMMARY: Resolution 23-15 supports Ravn's essential air service proposal to the US Department of Transportation to continue to provide passenger air service to Saint Paul Island.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: City Council approved Resolution 21-05 in May of 2021 supporting Ravn Alaska's EAS proposal for passenger air service to Saint Paul Island.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: 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*). interested air carriers should file proposals no later than June 1, 2023. The DOT received two proposals, on or before the deadline, from Alaska Central Express and Ravn Alaska (*see attached*).d

On May 30, 2023, the City hosted a community meeting with Ravn management via Zoom to have Ravn discuss their proposal and address community concerns. This meeting was aired on KUHB. Ravn management is working on coming out to meet with the community regarding the air service they provide for the community. No dates for this meeting have been scheduled yet.

ALTERNATIVES: Council could choose to take any action on this topic or choose to support ACE.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Resolution 23-15 has no effect on City finances.

LEGAL: Legal counsel has not reviewed this resolution.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION: City administration recommends approval of this resolution.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve first reading Resolution 23-15.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 23-15, USDOT Order Requesting Proposals for EAS for St. Paul, ACE EAS Proposal, Ravn EAS Proposal.