

**AIRPORT COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday February 7, 2024  
Lindbergh Conference Room  
In Person and via Teleconference**

Members Present: Judge Clarke (Ret), Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge, Mr. Kling, Mr. Lents, and Dr. Nemanick

Via Teleconference: Mr. Bales, Mr. Bowman, Alderman Cohn, Ms. Fowler, Comptroller Green, President Green, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. King, Dr. Moore and Ms. Osborn.

Absent: Mr. Cantwell, Mr. Fitzgerald

Airport Staff: Mr. Beckmann, Ms. Bruce, Mr. Christians, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Johnson, Deputy Chief Jones, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jungk, Mr. Kulinsky, Mr. Lotz, Ms. Lyles-Wiggins, Mr. Neidel, Ms. Ruth, Mr. Salarano, Mr. Strong, and Mr. Wilder

Legal Staff: Mr. Chavarria, Mr. Henderson and Ms. Yoffie

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.

**1. MINUTES**

Approval is requested for the minutes of the February 7, 2024 Regular Airport Commission Meeting. A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Mr. Lents and seconded by Mr. Kling. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**2. PRESENTATION**

A presentation was made by firms representing the City in its forthcoming Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 Project Bonds.

Commissioner Osborne asked what impact this new debt would have on the Airport's overall debt load, and whether the new debt load is sustainable. Staff answered that in the process of planning the bond issuance they have run models regarding the impact this bond issuance will have on the Airport's finances all the way out to 2040 and determined that the Airport should have its pre-existing debt paid off around 2033. Mr. Lents then asked about who would offer a surety policy for the bonds. Staff answered that there are two insurers in the space, both AA rated.

### **3. ORDINANCES**

- A. Approval is requested of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance by the City of St. Louis of its Bonds, Series 2024 Project Bonds, St. Louis Lambert International Airport®, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty Million Dollars (\$320,000,000).

A motion for approval was made by Dr. Nemanick and seconded by Mr. Lents. Mr. Strong gave a brief presentation regarding the bonds, noting that the prior presentation was more detailed. There being no questions, a voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval is requested of an Ordinance authorizing on-Airport Passenger Vehicle Rental Concession Agreement with: Enterprise Leasing Company of STL, LLC d/b/a Enterprise Rent a Car; Avis Rent A Car System, LLC d/b/a/ Avis; Budget Rent a Car System, Inc d/b/a/Budget; Enterprise Leasing Company STL, LLC d/b/a Alamo Rent a Car; Enterprise Leasing Company STL, LLC d/b/a National Car Rental; Payless Car Rental, Inc.; C&J Rental, Inc. d/b/a Thrifty Car rental; and Missouri Rental & Leasing, Inc. d/b/a Dollar Rent a Car. The term of this agreement is (5) five contract years, beginning April 1, 2024.

A motion was for approval was made by Mr. Kling and seconded by Judge Clarke (Ret). Mr. Strong made a brief presentation aided by Ms. Lyles-Wiggins. Mr. Lents asked if because this contract was made pursuant to FAA ACDBE requirements, an attempt to compare it to contracts which only require compliance with City non-discrimination rules is an “apple to oranges” comparison. The staff answered that it was. Mr. Lents asked if, given the difficulties in compliance that the rental car companies have had, the Airport should require and make more frequent reports to the Airport and Commission. Staff answered that much of that reporting is already required, but that BDD could make a report to the Commission after 12 months under contract to provide an update on the rental car companies’ compliance efforts. Dr. Nemanick inquired if the participation percentages are a nationwide goal or just local. The staff answered that the subcontractors must be ACDBE certified in Missouri. Judge Clarke noted that she was troubled by the rental car companies’ lack of compliance, considering this is a national requirement. Staff answered that this is a fairly aggressive goal, and that BDD is continuing to reach out to local companies which may be eligible for an ACDBE certification to get them certified so that they can work on these contracts. BDD goes out and evaluates any ACDBE subcontractor to ensure that they can actually perform the contracted work. Judge Clarke then asked what improvement we have seen. Ms. Lyles-Wiggins responded that Dollar was an off-airport provider previously, and had not had to comply with ACDBE rules. They have made a significant effort to come into compliance and have now subcontracted with an ACDBE fuel provider who is moving part of his operation from Indiana to Illinois, in order to service Dollar’s fuel needs. Dr. Nemanick then asked when the last time the Commission voted on the Rental Car Providers. Staff responded the last vote was in 2014. There being no further questions, a voice vote was taken. Judge Clarke (Ret.) abstained, all other Commissioners voted in the affirmative; the motion carried.

### **4. OPERATIONS**

- A. Approval is requested for a Second Amendment to the Service Agreement for Elevator, Escalator, and Power Walk Services from Midwest Elevator Co, Inc. The term of the agreement began on March 1, 2021 and with the Second Amendment will now end on June 30, 2026. The total Not-To-Exceed amount will be increased by \$4,492,269, from \$5,863,089 to \$10,355,358.

A motion for approval was made by Alderman Cohn and seconded by Dr. Nemanick. Mr. Kulinsky gave a brief presentation on the Second Amendment. Dr. Nemanick asked a question related to passenger access and the reopening of the D concourse. There being no further questions, a voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Regan Schnug of Kimley-Horn made a presentation on the Economic Impact Study commissioned by Greater St. Louis, Inc., regarding the economic impact of the aerospace industry in St. Louis and on the economic impact of St. Louis Lambert International Airport in particular.
- B. Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge informed the Commission that Frontier is adding four flights to Philadelphia per week; that Lambert was the station of the year for Delta; that American's new schedule is coming in May and adds seven additional flights to current destinations; that the FAA is beginning environmental review for the new terminal project and that we anticipate that process being wrapped up in September; that the West Airfield Project Review is completed; and that the Business Journal ran a story on the economic impact of the Airport and did a Q & A with Director Hamm-Niebruegge using questions submitted by Business Journal readers.

## **6. NEXT MEETING**

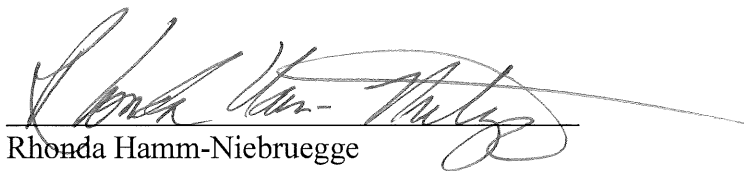
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## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Nemanick and seconded by Judge Clarke. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

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The foregoing minutes were approved by the Airport Commission at its March 6, 2024 Regular Meeting.

  
Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge  
Chairperson