RESOLUTION NO. R-31-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PURSUE A HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT FROM THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MISS LAURA'S FACILITY AT 2 NORTH B STREET; AND RECOGNIZING THAT A PRESERVATION EASEMENT WILL BE REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Smith owns the facility at 2 North B Street, known as Miss Laura's Visitor Center, which is operated by the Fort Smith Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CVB); and

WHEREAS, the structure is need of exterior repair and improvements; and

WHEREAS, CVB staff has identified a grant program through the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program which could provide funding in support of those improvements; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program requires that the city provide a preservation easement on the property to the grantor, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas that

Section 1. The City Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to pursue the necessary requirements to facilitate application and acceptance of an Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Grant for the purposes of repair and/or maintenance of the city-owned facility known as Miss Laura's Visitor Center at 2 North B Street in Fort Smith.

Section 2. The Board of Directors recognizes that participation in the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program and acceptance of a program grant requires that the city dedicate a preservation easement on the property to the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

This Resolution adopted this 20 day of February, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney