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**Merchant Services RFP Selection Committee Meeting**  
**133 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 530**  
**(Via zoom)**

**Roll Call:**

Chairman Michelle Smart	Present
Committee Member Christina Bennett	Present
Committee Member Mekenzie Looney	Present
Committee Member Gilberto Pinela	Present
Committee Member Sam Wobbe	Present
Committee Member Antonio Strong	Present

**Guest(s)**

Shirley Rukcic - Treasury Chief of Staff  
Members of the public - viewing at: <https://youtube.com/cityofstlouismo>

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Smart called the Merchant Services RFP Selection meeting to order at 11:04 am pursuant to Missouri State statute 64102. Followed by a roll call of the Committee members.

- Roll call of Committee members: Committee member Christina Bennett-present, Committee member Mekenzie Looney-present, Committee member Gilberto Pinela-present, Committee member Sam Wobbe-present, Committee member Antonio Strong-present, Chairman Michelle Smart- present.

**Introduction of Committee Members:**

**Purpose of the Meeting:**

Chairman Smart opened the floor for discussion regarding the RFP for Merchant Services as presented.

### **Approval of RFP:**

After a brief discussion Chairman Smart entertained a motion to approve the RFP.

- Committee Member- Antonio Strong- "So, moved"
  - Committee member Gilberto Pinela- seconded.
- Roll call of Committee members: Committee member Christina Bennett-aye, Committee member Mekenzie Looney-aye, Committee member Gilberto Pinela-aye, Committee member Sam Wobbe-aye, Committee member Antonio Strong-aye, Chairman Michelle Smart- aye.

### **Select Solicitation Method(s) for RFP:**

Chairman Smart indicated that the next item on the agenda is the selection solicitation method for the RFP in terms of how it will be solicited. Chairman Smart opened the floor for discussion.

After a brief discussion with the Committee regarding the fact that there are no MBE, WBE firms that offer merchant services. And that there is not a financial institution that can meet this RFP. There's only one MDI bank in the state of Missouri. But doesn't have the capacity to do this, and MDI is a minority depository institution. Chairman Smart also indicated she sent this RFP to Nancy Walsh manager of the St. Louis City Counselor's Office for review. And she agreed with the language of the RFP as presented.

Next, Committee member Christina Bennett entertained a motion to approve the RFP Solicitation methods as follows.

1. Placing it on the City's website
  2. Placing it on the St. Louis City Treasurer's website
  3. Placing it on the Airport's website
  4. Sending a personal invitation to sixteen current Financial Institutions
- Committee member Mekenzie Looney- seconded.
- Roll call of Committee members: Committee member Christina Bennett-aye, Committee member Mekenzie Looney-aye, Committee member Gilberto Pinela-aye, Committee member Sam Wobbe-aye, Committee member Antonio Strong-aye, Chairman Michelle Smart- aye.

### **New Business:**

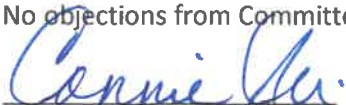
Next Chairman Smart asked to report any new business.

- No new business.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Smart entertained a motion to adjourn.

- Committee member Christina Bennett- "So, moved."
  - Committee member Gilberto Pinela- seconded.
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- Previous Roll call of Committee Members: Chairman Smart asked any objection to previous roll? No objections from Committee. Motion passes meeting adjourned.



Connie Ali, Secretary

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