TO: The Honorable Ed Montanari, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a $59,000 American Rescue Plan Act Airport Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $59,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Airport Operating Fund (4031), resulting from these additional revenues to the Enterprise Facilities Department, Airport Administration Division (282.1877); and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION: On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law. The ARPA is meant to address the continued economic fallout because of the COVID-19 pandemic and makes Federal funding available for various facets of the United States economy. Included in the ARPA is funds allocated specifically for public-use airports. These funds provide eligible airport sponsors with additional financial resources to help offset a decline in revenues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and/or to offset specific expenses related to COVID protection and prevention. The exact amount of funding available to each airport sponsor was further set by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) based on the type and size of the airport. As a public use, “regional” general aviation airport, the Albert Whitted Airport was deemed eligible for $59,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a $59,000 American Rescue Plan Act Airport Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $59,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Airport Operating Fund (4031), resulting from these additional revenues to the Enterprise Facilities Department, Airport Administration Division (282.1877); and providing an effective date.

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION: Revenues in the amount of $59,000 are to be received from the FAA and deposited into the Airport Operating Fund (4031). Funding will be available upon approval of the grant agreement and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $59,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Airport Operating Fund (4031), resulting from these grant revenues to the Enterprise Facilities Department, Airport Administration Division (282.1877).

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

APPROVALS:
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A $59,000 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AIRPORT GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS TRANSACTION; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $59,000 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE AIRPORT OPERATING FUND (4031), RESULTING FROM THESE ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO THE ENTERPRISE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT, AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION DIVISION (282.1877); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA included funding to be allocated specifically for airports across the United States to provide eligible airport sponsors with financial resources to help offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and/or to offset expenses related to COVID-19 protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has determined the City is eligible for an ARPA airport grant in the amount of $59,000; and

WHEREAS, the $59,000 grant will be used to offset costs related to operations and/or specific COVID related expenses at the Albert Whitted Airport, as directed by the FAA; and

WHEREAS, a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $59,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Airport Operating Fund (4031), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Enterprise Facilities Department, Airport Administration Division (282.1877) is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to accept a $59,000 American Rescue Plan Act Airport grant from the Federal Aviation Administration and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the unappropriated balance of the Airport Operating Fund (4031), resulting from these additional revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for FY21:
Airport Operating Fund (4031)
Enterprise Facilities Department,
Airport Administration Division (282.1877) $59,000

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approved as to Form and Substance:
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/s/ Sharon Michnowicz
City Attorney (Designee)

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