

1 **Section 2. FINDINGS ADOPTED.** The City Council adopts the following
2 Findings as recommended by the Landmarks and Urban Conservation
3 Commission:

4 **(A)** This is a request for a recommendation to the City Council of a City
5 landmark designation for a portion the Albuquerque International Sunport
6 Terminal, a building at 2200 Sunport Boulevard SE, which address is on Tract A-1
7 of the Sunport Municipal Addition.

8 **(B)** The City of Albuquerque is the owner of the property and application was
9 submitted by the City of Albuquerque Aviation Department.

10 **(C)** The subject property is zoned SU-1 for Airport and Related Facilities.

11 **(D)** §14-12-7 of the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Ordinance provides
12 procedures and criteria for evaluating the suitability of a property for City
13 landmark designation.

14 **(E)** The Albuquerque International Sunport Terminal has cultural and
15 architectural significance in its use of architectural motifs inspired by indigenous
16 cultures of New Mexico. It is the latest and the best-known example of an
17 Albuquerque transportation terminal to exhibit these motifs in a tradition of
18 architectural design of transportation facilities in Albuquerque for more than a
19 century.

20 **(F)** The Albuquerque International Sunport Terminal is suitable for
21 preservation. It is a working facility in good structural condition and repair. The
22 significant features proposed for landmark designation are the north façade and
23 the great hall. Less significant parts of the terminal are subject to more frequent
24 change and need not be preserved to City landmark standards.

25 **(G)** The Albuquerque International Sunport Terminal has educational
26 significance because its design evinces respect for New Mexico's ancient
27 landscape and the indigenous architecture it inspired. The Terminal declares
28 visually that New Mexico is different from wherever a traveler's airliner may have
29 departed.

30 **(H)** A portion of the Albuquerque International Sunport Terminal meets a
31 criterion for City Landmark designation in that it represents the work of an
32 architect, designer, or master builder whose individual work has influenced the
33 development of the city, architect William E. Burk, Jr. William E. Burk, Jr.

1 practiced architecture in Albuquerque for forty years and his body of work
2 includes commercial, institutional, and residential buildings, many of which are
3 noteworthy.

4 (I) The features of the Albuquerque Sunport Terminal building that are
5 significant and help to define the architectural character of the building are the
6 north façade and the lobby, or “great hall”.

7 (J) The architectural features of the north façade that are significant and
8 worthy of preservation are the building block massing with projecting and
9 recessed elements and varying roof heights; the color scheme of earth-tone
10 stucco and concrete with medium blue trim: the stair-step motif, painted medium
11 blue in stucco and metal façade features including certain window groups; the
12 free-standing steel canopies, and the light wells between the elevated roadway
13 and the facade.

14 (K) The architectural features of the lobby, or “Great Hall” that are significant
15 and worthy of preservation are the laminated wood beams and corbels with
16 carved and painted imagery, separated by a wood-clad ceiling system that evokes
17 traditional *latilla* ceilings, painted accent colors and designs on the laminated
18 beams, the pattern of windows and openings to other interior areas as defined by
19 the structural frame, the single-volume space with clerestory windows, a space
20 divided only by furniture, fixtures, displays and escalators, and the floor of multi-
21 tone brick in a pattern.

22 (L) The request fulfills the intent of the Landmarks and Urban Conservation
23 Ordinance in that it serves to preserve, protect, enhance, perpetuate and promote
24 the use of structures and areas of historical, cultural, and architectural
25 significance located within the City.

26 **Section 3. ADDITIONAL FINDING**

27 (A) The Finding adopted as Section 2, Items I, J and K above, shall
28 constitute general preservation guidelines for the Albuquerque International
29 Airport Terminal.

30 **Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect five days
31 after publication by title and general summary.

32 **Section 5. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, paragraph, sentence,
33 clause, word or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or

1 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
2 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Council
3 hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section,
4 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any
5 provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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