

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE AT ITS APRIL 19, 2024 MEETING TO PROCURE ADDITIONAL STATE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO PRIORITIZE FUNDING DURING THE FY 2025 BUDGET PROCESS; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) TO PROCURE STATE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS JUNE 26, 2024 MEETING.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission approved the issuance of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2021-136-WG for state legislative consulting services and RFQ responses were due and received on May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2021, an Evaluation Committee appointed by the City Manager convened to consider the proposals received and Ronald L. Book, P.A., was the top-ranked proposer; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission accepted the recommendation of the City Manager, pursuant to the RFQ 2021-136-WG for State Legislative Consulting Services, and authorized the Administration to enter negotiations with Ronald L. Book, P.A. ("Book"), as the top ranked proposer via Resolution 2021-31839; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2021, the City entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Book pursuant to RFQ 2021-136-WG (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, Rutledge & Ecenia serves as a subcontractor to Ronald L. Book, P.A. as part of this contract; and

WHEREAS, the Contract had an initial term commencing on December 1, 2021 and ending November 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the initial term was extended through November 30, 2024, with one additional extension available that would take the contract through November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the contract fee is \$107,254.92 per year; and

WHEREAS, at the March 13, 2024 Commission meeting, a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (the "FERC") was approved to discuss taking action/allocating funding for new or additional lobbyist(s) to advocate for the City for the 2025 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2024, the FERC discussed the funding for new or additional state lobbying efforts to advocate for the City for the 2025 Florida legislative session and referred this item back to the Commission with a favorable recommendation to procure additional State Legislative Consulting Services to be ready for the 2025 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, based on the FERC's recommendation, the Commission wishes to direct the Administration to prepare a new RFQ for state legislative consulting services for review and approval by the Commission at its June 26, 2024 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission accept the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee at its April 19, 2024 meeting to procure additional state legislative consulting services and to prioritize funding during the FY 2025 budget process; and further, direct the Administration to prepare a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to procure state legislative consulting services for review and approval by the Commission at its June 26, 2024 meeting.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

5/13/2024

Date