

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-359

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-583 (d).

WHEREAS, Gomez Barker Associates, Inc. has been providing successful legislative services, primarily at the Federal and Local levels since August 2002 and has developed a unique understanding of the needs of the City; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2006 (Resolution No. 2006-17) the City Commission waived the requirements of the Procurement Code and awarded Gomez Barker Associates, Inc. an agreement for legislative services that will expire this month; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has no Federal legislative representation services and;

WHEREAS, the Procurement Code Section 2-583 provides the authority to the City Commission to waive any condition of the Procurement Code upon a four-fifths vote where it finds such waiver to be necessary in order to proceed with a contract, which is in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" causes are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this resolution adopted hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission does hereby authorize an agreement with Gomez Barker Associates, Inc., for Federal and Local legislative services for a one-year period with an option to extend an additional year and an additional option period through July 31, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$6,250 per month. This authorization is pursuant to Section 2-583(d) of the Procurement Code to obtain such professional services in the most expeditious manner, and the City Commission hereby finds that a waiver of the conditions of the Procurement Code is in the best interest of the City, so as to allow the City to continue with a firm that has provided quality service and is already very knowledgeable of the City and its operations.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission further finds that a waiver of the conditions of the Procurement Code is necessary and in the best interest of the City in order to timely and expeditiously retain the services of one or more qualified firms to represent the City at the Federal level. In addition, the City Commission finds such consulting services do not lend themselves to a competitive solicitation procedure due to their nature, which requires special skills, abilities and expertise. The City Commission hereby authorizes the City Manager to select and enter into an agreement for Federal legislative services with one or more firms, for a one-year period. This authorization is pursuant to Section 2-583(d) of the Procurement Code.

SECTION 4. That the Agreements be subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2009.

(Moved: Withers / Seconded: Kerdyk)

(Yeas: Kerdyk, Withers, Slesnick)

(Majority: (3-1) Vote)

(Nays: Cabrera)

(Absent: Anderson)

(Agenda Item: H-1(b))

APPROVED:



DONALD D. SLESNICK II
MAYOR

ATTEST:



WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ
CITY ATTORNEY