



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
November 9, 2021

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution. A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Kaizen Defensive Tactics, Inc. for defensive tactics training for the Coral Gables Police Department, in substantially the attached form, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars).

BRIEF HISTORY:

Earlier this year, the City Commission passed Resolution No. 2021-77, expressing its support for expanded defensive tactics training for Coral Gables police officers. Increasing defensive tactics training would be beneficial to the Police Department by improving officers' ability to engage in control and escape techniques, grappling techniques, and physical control and survival tactics, among other skills. Furthermore, officers who more frequently train in defensive tactics styles such as Jiu Jitsu, wrestling, Judo, and others, may be less likely to injure themselves and suspects during a combative encounter and less likely to use intermediate or lethal weapons because of their training.

In furtherance of the goal of expanding training for officers, the City Commission desires to authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Kaizen Defensive Systems, Inc., in substantially the attached form, for an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00). This agreement is exempt from the Procurement Code under Section 2-607 (24), which exempts consultants for professional services with special skills, abilities, expertise or of a technical nature as determined by the procurement officer.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. **Draft Resolution**
2. **Draft Professional Services Agreement with Kaizen Defensive Systems, Inc.**