CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-249

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY **COMMISSION** Α ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT **OFFICER** TO AWARD LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT RFP 2022-014 TO THE SOUTHERN GROUP OF FLORIDA. HIGHEST RANKED RESPONSIVE-INC.. RESPONSIBLE PROPOSER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-763 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD".

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2022, the Procurement Division of Finance formally advertised, issued and distributed RFP 2022-014; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2022, seven (7) proposers submitted proposals in response to the RFP: Akerman, LLP, Capital City Consulting, Continental Strategy, Converge Public Strategies, Pittman Law Group, P.L., Sun City Strategies, LLC., and The Southern Group of Florida, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2022, the Evaluation Committee convened to evaluate the five (5) responsive and responsible proposals and ranked the firms in the following order of preference: The Southern Group of Florida, Inc (top-ranked), Capital City Consulting (second ranked), Akerman, LLP (third ranked), Pittman Law Group, P.L. (fourth ranked), and Sun City Strategies, LLC (fifth ranked); and

WHEREAS, the City Commission reviewed the recommendations of the Chief Procurement Officer and the materials submitted by the proposers and determined that it is best to negotiate an agreement with both the first and second responsive responsible proposers;

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

SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission has reviewed the proposals in RFP 2022-014 and has determined that the City should proceed to negotiate contracts with The Southern Group of Florida, Inc., the highest ranked responsive-responsible proposer, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award", as well as Capital City Consulting, the second ranked responsive-responsible proposer, and further authorizing the City Manager to

negotiate and execute a Professional Services Agreement for an initial period of three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, exercisable at the option of the City Manager in an amount not to exceed the available budget with both proposers detailed above.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2022.

(Moved: Menendez / Seconded: Anderson)

(Yeas: Menendez, Anderson, Fors, Jr., Mena, Lago

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote) (Agenda Item: E-2)

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