



RESOLUTION # 2023-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, WAIVING THE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENT PROCESS AS ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 2-74 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY MANAGER; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINT; RETAINING CONTINENTAL STRATEGY, LLC AND NEGOTIATING THE TERMS OF SAID CONTRACT TO LOBBY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PURSUE FUNDS FOR SEVERAL CITY PROJECTS INCLUDING POTABLE WATER NEEDS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE SAID RETAINER; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE THE AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000.00) FOR THIS CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City is in need of federal funds to fund existing City projects; and

WHEREAS, there exists certain allocation for funding earmarked in fiscal year 2023 Omnibus Appropriation Bill; and

WHEREAS, Congress' appropriations committees will convene shortly to review grant requests by governmental entities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish the presence of the City of West Miami in Washington, DC in order to be able to petition for several projects throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has interviewed the firm of Continental Strategy LLC, and has found this firm is an appropriate vehicle to establish the City's request for funding for the City's projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has found that said representation is adequate and economic requiring the allocation of only Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) payable at \$1,000.00 per month; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends that Strategy Consultants be retained for the above-captioned purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of West Miami as follows:

Section 1. That 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 adopts the recommendation of the City Manager to execute any and all documents retaining the services of Continental Strategy LLC to represent the City of West Miami's interest in Washington, DC.

Section 3. The City Commission authorizes the City Manager to compensate Continental Strategy LLC the amount of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) payable at \$1,000.00 per month for lobbying services for fiscal year 2023.

Section 4. Funding for the retainer to Strategy Consultants shall be allocated from reserve designated funds.

Section 5. All Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2023.

APPROVED:



ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANNERY GONZALEZ, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:



JOSE A. VILLALOBOS, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Chavez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanca. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER CANDIDA BLANCA	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO SUAREZ	<u>N</u>