

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 3941

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BELLTOWER CONSULTING GROUP, LLC FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,000 FOR AN INITIAL ONE-YEAR TERM WITH UP TO FOUR ONE-YEAR OPTION TERMS; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Springs (the “City”) seeks to pursue additional opportunities to obtain grants from federal, state, and local entities for various programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of ensuring that the City remains consistent, effective, and efficient in researching and securing grants, the City Manager recommends that the City Council enter into a Professional Services Agreement (the “Agreement”) with BellTower Consulting Group, LLC (the “Consultant”) for grant writing services (the “Services”) in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 for an initial one-year term with up to four one-year option terms, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends that the City Council waive the competitive procurement requirements of the City Code pursuant to Section 31-11(E)(6)(g) of the City Code for obtaining the Consultant’s Services as being in the best interest of the City as utilizing a competitive sealed bidding process is not practicable and the Consultant has a proven track record of recurring and administering grants and other special projects on behalf of various other municipalities, such as the Town of Cutler Bay, North Bay Village, and others, and has extended comparable terms to the City for the Services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the recommendation of the City Manager, the City Council desires to waive the competitive procurement requirements pursuant to Section 31-11(E)(6)(g) of the City Code and approve the Agreement with the Consultant for the Services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. That the above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

Section 2. Approval. That the City Council hereby approves the Agreement with the Consultant for the Services in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 for an initial one-year term with up to four one-year option terms.

Section 3. Waiver. That the City Council hereby waives the competitive procurement requirements of the City Code pursuant to Section 31-11(E)(6)(g) of the City Code for obtaining the Consultant's Services as being in the best interest of the City.

Section 4. Authorization. That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," subject to the City Attorney's approval as to form, content, and legal sufficiency.

Section 5. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Best who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fajet and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Vice Mayor Bob Best	<u>YES</u>
Councilwoman Jacky Bravo	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Dr. Walter Fajet	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Dr. Victor Vazquez	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell	<u>YES</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of September, 2021.

ATTEST:


ERIKA GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK


MARIA PUENTE MITCHELL
MAYOR



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS ONLY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Serota", written over a horizontal line.

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY