

RESOLUTION No. 2004-126-177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A LOBBYIST TO REPRESENT THE CITY BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to maintain a presence at the state level of government in order to ensure that the City is fully advised with respect to legislation affecting the City and to ensure that its adoptive policies are brought to the attention of the applicable legislative and executive branches of state government, and

WHEREAS, the City issued a request for proposals seeking proposals from entities wishing to represent the City on the state level, and

WHEREAS, the City received responses from four (4) law firms seeking to provide lobbying services to the City, and

WHEREAS, an evaluation committee consisting of the City Manager, City Attorney, Assistant City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager and Procurement Manager evaluated the responses to the RFP and has ranked the top three (3) candidates, and

WHEREAS, City Council has heard and received presentations from the top three (3) candidates and has determined that it would like to retain the services of Becker and Poliakoff, P.A to represent it as a lobbyist at the state level.

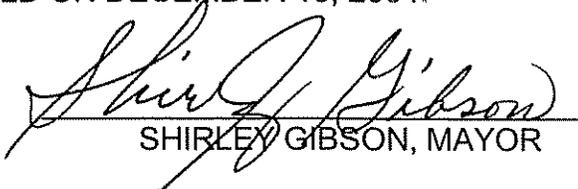
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

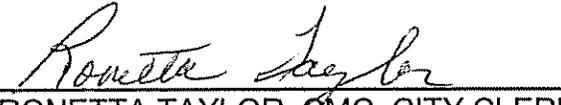
Section 2. APPOINTMENT: Becker and Poliakoff, P.A is hereby appointed as the City's lobbyist at the state level of government, and the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and, if successful, execute a service contract with respect to such designee, with said contract being reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2004.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, OMC, CITY CLERK

Prepared by SONJA K. KNIGHTON, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: DANNY O. CREW, CITY MANAGER

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Campbell
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Watson

VOTE: 6-0

Mayor Gibson	<u>x</u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Campbell	<u>x</u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>x</u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Oscar Braynon, II	<u>x</u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilwoman Audrey J. King	<u>x</u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u> </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No) Not present
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u>x</u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)

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City of Miami Gardens

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Mayor & City Council Members

From: Dr. Danny O. Crew, City Manager

Date: December 9, 2004

Re: Governmental Representation & Consulting Services

Background:

At your December 8, 2004, Council meeting you received oral presentations from respondents, for the professional services to provide the City with governmental representation before the executive and legislative branches of the State government. We previously provided you with copies of the RFQ; the proposers' responses; and staffs' evaluation and ranking.

Recommendation:

We recommend that you adopt the attached Resolution, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for Government Representation & Consulting Services, with the proposer selected by the Council.