

RESOLUTION No. 2005-132-309

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SELECTING RACHLIN COHEN & HOLTZ ACCOUNTANTS, TO PERFORM EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005, 2006 AND 2007 CONFIRMING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY'S AUDIT COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE WITH RACHLIN COHEN & HOLTZ ACCOUNTANTS, TO PROVIDE THE EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, the City is required to have an annual financial audit of its accounts and records completed within twelve (12) months after the end of its Fiscal Year by an independent certified public accountant retained by it and paid from its public funds, and

WHEREAS, City staff consisting of the City Manager, Assistant City Manager for Public Services, Finance Director and Accountant met as the City's Audit Committee pursuant to Section 218.39(1)(2), Florida Statutes, and prepared specifications for the City to retain a qualified certified public accountant to perform the annual audit for Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, and

WHEREAS, a Request For Proposal ("RFP") was advertised on August 23, 2005 and broadcast notice was sent to five hundred twenty-one (521) firms and there were nine (9) proposal packages requested, and

WHEREAS, the proposals were opened on September 8, 2005, and proposals were received, and

WHEREAS, the City's Audit Committee evaluated the proposals, and has ranked and recommended, in order of preference, the following firms who are deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services:

WHEREAS, the City Council has inquired of the qualified firms and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate with Rachlin Cohen & Holtz Accountants, on its behalf.

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. CONFIRMATION: The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens hereby confirms the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager for Public Services, Finance Director and the City's Accountant as the City's Audit Committee.

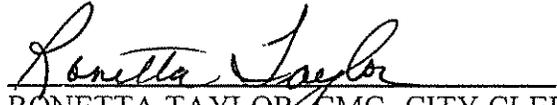
Section 3. AUTHORIZATION: The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens hereby authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Rachlin Cohen & Holtz Accountants to perform auditing services for the City for Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007 with the proviso that any such agreement be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. The City Council further authorizes the City Manager to negotiate with the second ranking firm if negotiations with Rachlin Cohen & Holtz Accountants, are unsuccessful. If negotiations with the second ranked firm are unsuccessful, the City Manager is authorized to negotiate with the third ranked firm.

Section 4. 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 SEPTEMBER 28, 2005.

ATTEST:


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR


RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK

Prepared by SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: DANNY O. CREW, CITY MANAGER

MOVED BY: Councilwoman Watson

SECONDED BY: Councilman Campbell

VOTE: 4-1

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Vice Mayor Oscar Braynon, II	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No) Out of room
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilwoman Audrey J. King	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)

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