

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-1045**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$1,540 TO EDWARD SHOHAT, ESQ., FOR SERVICE PROVIDED TO THE TOWN MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND PAYMENT OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") issued RFP for State Lobbyist Services in December 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, following the Town's selection of Fuentes Consulting Group as State Lobbyist Servicer, a complaint was filed with the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust ("COE") regarding the solicitation process; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, the Town Manager was interviewed by the COE regarding the solicitation process; and

**WHEREAS**, in June, 2012 a subpoena was issued for the Town Manager to testify before the COE; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Manager was advised by the Town's Attorney to secure private counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Manager secured Edward Shohat, Esq., to represent him regarding the Town's solicitation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Manager incurred legal fees in the amount of \$1,540, relating to the matter involving the Town's solicitation; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Town Manager requests payment to Edward Shohat, Esq. in the amount of \$1,540 for legal fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council approves payment of the legal fees, and authorizes the Town Manager to make payment to Edward Shohat, Esq., in the amount of \$1,540.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Authorization of Legal Fees.** The Town Council hereby approves the payment of \$1,540 to Edward Shohat, Esq. for services rendered on behalf of the Town Manager, Alex Rey regarding inquiry by the COE relating to the matter involving the Town's solicitation process.

**Section 3 Authorization of Payment.** The Town Manager is authorized to execute payment to Edward Shohat, Esq., for representing the Town Manager regarding the inquiry by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics, regarding the Town's solicitation process for State Lobbyist Services.

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**Section 4. Authorization of Fund Expenditure.** The Town Manager is authorized to expend funds to implement the payment for legal fees.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 22 day of January, 2013.

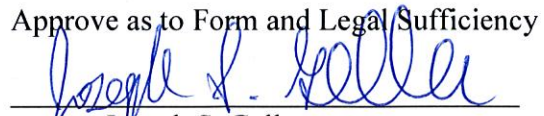
Motion to adopt by Michael Pizzi, second by Tony Lama.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Michael Pizzi	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Ceasar Mestre	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Manny Cid	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Tim Daubert	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Nelson Hernandez	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Tony Lama	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Nelson Rodriguez	<u>yes</u>

  
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Michael Pizzi  
MAYOR

Attest:  
  
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Marjorie Tejada  
TOWN CLERK

Approve as to Form and Legal Sufficiency  
  
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Joseph S. Geller  
GREENSPOON, MARDER, P.A.  
TOWN ATTORNEY