RESOLUTION NO. 22-1860

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING AN AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 218.391, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL TO CHAIR THE AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES OF THE AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE AUDITOR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 218.391(2) of Florida Statutes requires the governing body of a municipality to establish an auditor selection committee for the primary purpose of selecting an auditor to conduct the Town's financial audit; and

WHEREAS, the Town previously selected an auditor in 2017 and the existing contract for auditing services is scheduled to expire, thereby necessitating the establishment of the auditor selection committee to assist the Town Council in selection of an auditor through the Request for Proposals ("RFP") process; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Florida Legislature adopted changes to Florida Statute § 218.391, requiring the composition of the selection committee to include the participation of a member of the local government's governing board, and have the elected member of the local government's governing board to chair the auditor selection committee; and

WHEREAS, Section 218.391(4)(d), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Town Council to designate the Town Manager to negotiate with the selected firm on behalf of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the establishment of an auditor selection committee and the designation of the Town Manager to negotiate on behalf of the Town Council is in the best interest of the Town.

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. Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee. The Auditor Selection Committee (the "Committee") is established pursuant to Florida Statutes § 218.391.
- Section 3. Election of a Council Member to the Selection Committee. The Council shall appoint a member of its governing body to participate and chair the Committee pursuant to Florida Statutes § 218.391.
- **Section 4. Composition of the Committee.** The Committee shall be comprised of the members in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- Section 5. Duties. The Committee shall have the primary purpose of assisting the Town Council in the selection of an auditor to conduct the Town's annual financial audit. The Committee's specific duties shall be those duties specified in Florida Statutes § 218.391(3), Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time. The Committee may also serve other audit oversight purposes.
- Section 6. Negotiations. The Town Manager, pursuant to Section 218.391(4)(d), Florida Statutes, is authorized to conduct negotiations with the selection firm on behalf of the Town Council.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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Passed and adopted this 13th day of September 2022.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Fernandez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez Yes

Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez Absent

Councilmember Luis E. Collazo Yes

Councilmember Josh Dieguez Yes

Councilmember Tony Fernandez Yes

Councilmember Marilyn Ruano Yes

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Attest:

Gina M. Inguanzo

TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Raul Gastesi, Jr.

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TOWN ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT "A"