

RESOLUTION NO. 09-728

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SELECTION OF STEARNS WEAVER MILLER WEISSLER ALHADEFF & SITTERSON, P.A. AS FIRST CHOICE AND AKERMAN, SENTERFITT & EIDSON, P.A. AS ALTERNATE FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION AND LOBBYING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT OR RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION AND LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING IF DETERMINED NECESSARY; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") issued a Request for Proposals for Lobbyist Services on February 10, 2009; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2009, the Town received five (5) proposals from lobbyist firms for county government representation; and

WHEREAS, a Committee established by the Town Manager (the "Committee") reviewed all responsive proposals submitted to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends the selection of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. as first choice and Akerman Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A. as alternate for county government representation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the selection of Stearns Weaver Miller

Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. as the first choice and Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A. as the alternate (the “Consultants”) to serve as the Town’s county government representative and lobbyist is in the best interest of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined it is not necessary at this time to award a contract or agreement for county government representation, but desires to grant the authority to the Town Manger to negotiate an agreement or enter into a retainer agreement with the Consultants for such services at a later date subject to his discretion and determination; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes it is in the best interest of the Town to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate an agreement or enter into a retainer agreement with the Consultants as determined necessary and in his discretion.

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 are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Approval of the Consultants. Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. is selected and approved as the first choice to serve as the Town’s county government representative, and Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A. is selected and approved as an alternate if necessary, subject to the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 3. Authorization to Negotiate. The Town Manger is authorized to negotiate an agreement or a retainer agreement for county government representation and legislative consulting between the Consultants and the Town of Miami Lakes (an “Agreement”) at such time and as determined necessary and in his discretion, together with such changes as may be

deemed necessary by the Town Manager and approved as to form and legality by the Town Attorney.

Section 4. Authorization of Town Officials. The Town Manager and Town Attorney are authorized to take all steps necessary to implement the terms and conditions of any Agreement.

Section 5. Authorization of Fund Expenditure. Notwithstanding the limitations imposed upon the Town Manager pursuant to the Town's Purchasing Procedures Ordinance, the Town Manager is authorized to expend budgeted funds to implement the terms and conditions of any Agreement.

Section 6. Execution of the Agreement. The Town Manager is authorized to execute any Agreement on behalf of the Town, to execute any required agreements and/or documents to implement the terms and conditions of any Agreement and to execute any extensions and/or amendments to any Agreement, subject to the approval as to form and legality by the Town Attorney.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2009.

Motion to adopt by Councilmember Mary Collins, second by Councilmember Nick Perdomo.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Michael Pizzi	yes
Vice Mayor Richard Pulido	yes
Councilmember Mary Collins	yes
Councilmember Robert Meador II	yes
Councilmember Nick Perdomo	yes
Councilmember Nancy Simon	yes
Councilmember George Lopez	yes




Michael Pizzi
MAYOR

ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK, Deputy

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


TOWN ATTORNEY
Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza,
Cole & Boniske, P.L.