

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2087

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING REQUEST TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL LOBBYING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A FEDERAL LOBBYING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES AND THE NCGA; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-155(d) of the Town of Miami Lakes (the “Town”) Code of Ordinances provides that the Town Manager may request authorization from the Town Council to waive the requirements of Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-155(d) where the Town Manager has made a written recommendation where, based on specific circumstances, it is not practical to comply with the requirements of this Section for a specific solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has made a written recommendation that based on specific circumstances it is not practical to comply with the requirements of Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-155(d) of the Town’s Code of Ordinances for federal lobbying services by NCGA; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes (“Town”) is closely monitoring federal legislation that may potentially impact the Town and its residents, including but not limited to the possibility of a Standalone Zip Code for the Town of Miami Lakes and federal appropriation requests; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Town to remain informed about legislation that would benefit residents as well as being aware of any legislation that could negatively impact the town such as limiting local control, threatening the local budget, or imposing unfunded mandates; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for the Town to have an advocate on its behalf to support federal measures as federal appropriations are a vital source for funding for numerous municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town receives federal appropriations to support essential capital projects, such as the NW 59 Avenue extension project; and

WHEREAS, The Town previously entered into an agreement with the consultant, NCGA, on January 1, 2023 under Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-154 (a)(2) of the Town Code which provides authority to the Town Manager to award contracts for professional services up to \$25,000 without submittal to the Town Council;

WHEREAS, the above referenced agreement authorized NCGA to form federal relations, advocate for, and lobby various federal elected officials and government agencies as necessary on behalf of the Town, ensuring the best possible outcomes and services for the community;

WHEREAS, NCGA has assisted the Town in the introduction of legislation to obtain a Standalone Zip Code for the Town of Miami Lakes in multiple Congresses, the awarding of \$3 million in federal appropriations towards the funding of the NW 59th Ave project; the preparation of requests for new appropriations for the upcoming federal fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the contract between NCGA and the Town expired on March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the importance of maintaining continuity in these critical services and aims to avoid any gaps in representation, proposes extending the current arrangement with NCGA through March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, an extension would provide sufficient time for the Town to issue a formal request for proposals (RFP) and allow for a competitive process to select a future service provider, all while ensuring that the Town continues to receive the necessary federal support during this transition period without interruption; and

WHEREAS, the Town Managers recommends that the Town Council authorize a waiver of the solicitation process under Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-155(d) of the Town Code for the Federal Lobbying Services and authorize the Town Manager or his designee to execute an amendment extending the agreement with NCGA until March 31, 2026, not to exceed budgeted funds, with the understanding that a formal solicitation process will transpire within the next 12 months; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council approves of the Town Manager's recommendation, authorizes a waiver of the requirements of Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-155(d) of the Town's Procurement Ordinance and authorizes the Town Manager to enter into a Federal Lobbying Services Agreement with NCGA for above mentioned services in accordance with Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-155(d) of the Town of Miami Lakes Code of Ordinances.

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. **Waiver of Competitive Bidding.** The Town Council hereby waives the requirements of Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-155(d) of the Town of Miami Lakes Code of Ordinances.

Section 3. **Approval of the Contract.** The Town Council hereby approves the execution of an Agreement with NCGA in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit "A" for federal lobbying services.

Section 4. **Authorization of Town Officials.** The Town Manager, his designee and the Town Attorney are authorized to take all steps necessary to implement the terms and conditions of the Agreement. The Town Manager is hereby granted the authority to renew the Contract under similar terms and conditions as the attached agreement for two (2) additional one (1) year periods.

Section 5. **Authorization of Fund Expenditure.** The Town Manager is authorized to expend budgeted funds to implement the terms and conditions of this Resolution and the Contract.

Section 6. **Execution of the Contract.** The Town Manager is authorized to execute the contract with NCGA, for federal lobbying services, and to execute any extension and/or amendments to the Contract, subject to approval as to form and legality by the Town Attorney.


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

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Passed and adopted this 15th day of April 2025

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

Mayor Joshua Dieguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Bryan Morera	Yes
Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Angelo Cuadra-Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Ray Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Steven Herzberg	Yes
Councilmember Alex Sanchez	Yes


Joshua Dieguez
MAYOR

Attest:


Gina M. Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Lorenzo Cobiella
Gastesi Lopez Mestre & Cobiella, PLLC
DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT A

Agreement
between the
Town of Miami Lakes
and
NCGA
for
Federal Lobbying Services