



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner David Suarez

DATE: November 20, 2024

TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON ALL AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH (CITY) PURSUANT TO THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 29, 2021, BETWEEN THE CITY AND RONALD L. BOOK, P.A., PURSUANT TO RFQ NO. 2021-136-WG, FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES.

**RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

N/A

**ANALYSIS**

In 2021, the City issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 2021-136-WG for State Legislative Consulting Services, with the intent of retaining a state lobbyist to represent the City's interests at the state level. On October 29, 2021, the City and Ronald L. Book, P.A. ("State Lobbyist") entered into a Professional Services Agreement (the "Agreement") for State Legislative Consulting Services, with an initial term of two (2) years, and the option for two (2) additional one (1) year renewals, to be exercised at the sole discretion of the City Manager.

I would like to initiate a discussion with my colleagues to explore all available alternatives to the City pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, including, but not limited to, the potential amendment of the Agreement to place restrictions on lobbying activities before the City during the duration of the State legislative session.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?**

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

N/A

**CONCLUSION**

N/A

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item,  
pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

No

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond  
Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481,  
includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

**Department**

Office of Commissioner David Suarez

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner David Suarez

**Co-sponsor(s)****Condensed Title**

Discuss/Action, Consider All Available Alternatives to the City Under Agreement w/ Ronald L. Book. (Suarez)