

C7 AE A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO TERMINATE FOR CONVENIENCE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MR. RONALD L. BOOK, P.A., DATED OCTOBER 29, 2021.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: December 11, 2024

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner David Suarez.

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-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

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

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Terminate State Lobbyist Contract with Ronald L. Book for Convenience. (Suarez) CA

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WHEREAS, in 2021, the City issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 2021-136-WG for State Legislative Consulting Services, in order to retain a state lobbyist to represent the City and its interests at the state level; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2021, the City and Mr. Ronald L. Book, P.A. ("State Lobbyist") entered into a Professional Services Agreement (the "Agreement") for State Legislative Consulting Services for an initial term of two (2) years, with two (2) additional one (1) year renewal options, to be exercised at the City Manager's sole option and discretion; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.2 of the Agreement provides the City, at its discretion, with the ability to terminate the contract for convenience at any time during the term of the Agreement, upon 15 days' written notice to the State Lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, as the City continues to adapt to the changing political landscape of the Florida legislature, it would be in the best interest of the City to terminate the Agreement in order to find other, qualified state legislative consultants who could best advocate in Tallahassee on behalf of the City based on its current legislative priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby direct the Administration to terminate for convenience the contract between the City and Mr. Ronald L. Book, P.A., dated October 29, 2021.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

12/9/2024

Date