



155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Francine Ramaglia, Town Manager

DATE: August 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution 2024-57 - Renewal of Lobbying & Government Affairs Consulting Services

Background:

As we approach the upcoming legislative session, and because we have had success in the past, time is of the essence should the Town wish to consider Lobbying & Government Affairs Consulting Services. The Law Office of Ronald L. Book, P.A., has requested to enter into a new contract to cover the 2025 Legislative Session.

The full year contract which is attached has a total contract value of \$75,000, (an increase of \$10,000.00 from last year) plus out of pockets and other expenses of more than \$5,000. The scope of their services includes but are not limited to the following:

- Attending pertinent committee meetings
- Drafting and preparing appropriations request applications and supporting documents
- Identifying legislative champions for said projects
- Testifying at committee hearings
- Preparing support materials as necessary
- Scheduling meetings for town officials with House and Senate members, staff, and agency officials
- Providing written reports regularly throughout the legislative session and committee weeks

The joint venture partnership will be available for virtual meetings and teleconferences as necessary, and will appear before the council, before and following the 2025 legislative session, to provide a report.

Recommendation: Staff seeks Council approval of the new contract with Ronald L. Book, P.A. and the Pittman Law Group for lobbying and government affairs consulting services for the 2025 legislative session at a cost of \$75,000 plus out of pocket expenses of \$5,000.