

**RESOLUTION 2024 - 34**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES FROM HCT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND CONSULTANTS, LLC IN RESPONSE TO CITY OF PAHOKEE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #2024-02; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE COMPENSATION AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pahokee ("City") is in need of an independent contractor to provide external auditing services to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 218.391, Florida Statutes, the City of Pahokee established an Auditor Selection Committee ("Committee"). The Committee held public meetings on July 3, 2024, and on August 20, 2024, to perform its statutorily mandated responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 20, 2024, the Auditor Selection Committee reviewed and considered one (1) single proposal in response to RFP #2024-02 from HCT Certified Public Accountants and Consultants LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, after considering the recommendation of the Auditor Selection Committee, the City Commission of the City of Pahokee hereby selects HCT Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, LLC as a qualified proposer; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission desires to authorize the City Manager to negotiate reasonable compensation with HCT Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, LLC, consistent with the contract terms set forth RFP #2024-02, and bring back a recommendation to the City Commission for consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Pahokee ("City Commission") deems selection of HCT Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, LLC is in the best interest of the City of Pahokee.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Adoption of Representations. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** Acceptance of Proposal in Response to RFP #2024-02 and Authorization for Negotiation of Compensation. The City Commission of the City of Pahokee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Auditor Selection Committee for the selection of HCT Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, LLC and further authorizes the City Manager to negotiate reasonable compensation with HCT Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, LLC consistent with the terms of the RFP #2024-02, and bring back a recommendation to the City Commission for consideration.

**Section 3.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 27th day of August 2024.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

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Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq.  
City Attorney

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTE:**

Vice Mayor Murvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Boldin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner McPherson	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Cowan-Williams	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Mayor Babb	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)