

RESOLUTION No. 20-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RANKING OF RESPONDENTS TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2020-15 “FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES”; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CABALLERO, FIERMAN, LLERENA AND GARCIA LLP., AS THE TOP RANKED FIRM, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, FOR THE PROVISION OF THE CITY’S FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEXT HIGHEST RANKED FIRM SUCCESSIVELY IF AN AGREEMENT CAN NOT BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE TOP RANKED FIRM; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, accordance with the City Charter Section 4.09 the Council shall provide for an independent annual audit of all City accounts, such audit shall be made by a certified public accountant or firm of such accountants who have no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the affairs of the City of government or any of its officers and shall be rotated every five years to a new accountant or firm of such accountants: and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral (the “City”) issued a Request for Proposal No. 2020-15 for “Financial Auditing Services” (the “RFP”), and the City received seven (7) submittals by the May 5, 2020 deadline with six (6) of the firms meeting the required criteria set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, In Accordance with Florida Statutes Section 218.391 and Resolution No. 20-54, The City Manager appointed an Evaluation Committee comprised of Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez, Gabriel Rodriguez, and Nubielena Medina; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee met on July 7th, 2020 to score and rank the proposals and recommended that the top three (3) firms to proceed to phase II, the

presentation phase. Presentations were held on July 16th, 2020, after the presentations, the committee evaluated and scored the firms based on a five hundred (500) point system; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the City Council accept the ranking of the firm as specified herein and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Caballero, Fierman, Llerena & Garcia LLP., or, if negotiations fail with the top ranked firm, to negotiate an agreement with the next highest ranked firm successively until an agreement is reached, for the provision of financial auditing services for a three (3) year contract period, with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, payable from the Finance Department's professional services for independent auditors line item; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Approval of Rankings. The City Council hereby approves the ranking of the three (3) firms as provided by the Evaluation Committee as follows:

- (1) Caballero, Fierman, Llerena & Garcia LLP
- (2) Marcum LLP
- (3) Mauldin & Jenkins LLC

The foregoing rankings do not vest any contractual rights on any of the foregoing parties.

Section 3. Authorization to Procure Services. The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and with Caballero, Fierman, Llerena & Garcia LLP, as the top

ranked firm, and enter into an agreement, or, if negotiations fail with the top ranked firm, to negotiate an agreement with the next highest ranked firm successively until an agreement is reached, subject to approval by the City Attorney, as to form and legal sufficiency, for the provision of internal auditing services, for a three (3) year contract period, with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, payable from the Finance Department's professional services for independent auditors line item; and

Section 4. Implementation. The City Manager and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12 day of August, 2020.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:



LUIS FIGUEREDO, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY