

COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



Meeting Date: October 8, 2024  
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
From: George Garrett, City Manager

Agenda Item: **Resolution 2024-102** Authorizing The City To Extend The Agreement With Ronald L. Book, P.A. For Professional Consulting And Lobbying Services Before The Legislature Of The State Of Florida; Authorizing The City Manager To Expend Budgeted Funds, And Execute The Extension Agreement; And Providing An Effective Date

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION:

The City has contracted with Ronald L. Book, P.A. for lobbying and professional consulting services before the State of Florida since 2013. Ronald L. Book, P.A. has been very effective on the City’s behalf before the Florida Legislature, the executive branch of the Florida government and various regional and local governments. Ronald L. Book, P.A. has also kept the City informed on budget and policy differences, funding on items affecting the Florida Keys, including economic development incentives, and the State’s tourism marketing activities.

The yearly rate of \$60,000 is included in the City’s adopted budget for FY 2025. The contract extension otherwise does not otherwise change from the language in the previous version of the contract, other than the term. This extension would bring the contract term expiration to November 1, 2025.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

	Yes	No
1. Comprehensive Plan	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
2. Other _____	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
3. Not applicable _____		

FISCAL NOTE:

Funding for this contract is included in the FY25 Adopted City Council and Wastewater Utility budgets. (50%/50% split)

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve Resolution

Sponsored by: Council

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION 2024-102**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH RONALD L. BOOK, P.A. FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING AND LOBBYING SERVICES BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS, AND EXECUTE THE EXTENSION AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marathon (the “City”) recognizes the importance of monitoring and participating in the State legislative process in order to protect the interests of the City and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consultant and City, through mutual negotiation, have agreed upon a scope of services and fee for legislative consulting services on behalf of the City before the Florida Legislature, the executive branch of the Florida government, and various regional and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm of Ronald L. Book, P.A., (the “Consultant”), wishes to extend the term of the agreement for one year in order to continue to provide professional legislative consulting and lobbying services before the legislature of the State of Florida on behalf of the City.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.** The extension to the professional services agreement between the City and Consultant, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit “A,” together with such non-material changes as may be acceptable to the City Manager and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney, is hereby approved. The City Manager is authorized to execute the extension and expend budgeted funds on behalf of the City.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.**

**THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA**

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**Mayor Still**

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

**ATTEST:**

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Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:**

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City Attorney, Steven T. Williams

**EXTENSION TO CONTRACT  
FOR  
LOBBYING SERVICES**

This extension to the Contract for Lobbying Services (the “Extension”) made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of October, 2024 between the City of Marathon, Florida, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, with its address at 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida, 33050 (hereinafter referred to as “City”) and Ronald L. Book P.A., a Florida corporation, with its address at 18851 NE 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ste. 1010, Aventura, FL 33180, (hereinafter referred to as “Consultant”).

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, on November 16, 2017, the City and Consultant entered into a Contract for Lobbying Services (the “Contract”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the Consultant desire to extend the term for one year to expire in 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth in this Extension and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby amend the Agreement to read as follows:

**Section 2. Term/Commencement Date**

**2.1 TERM:**

This Contract shall continue through November 1, 2025 unless terminated earlier in accordance with Section 8.

[THE REMAINDER OF THIS PAGE SHALL REMAIN BLANK]

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, City and Contractor have set their hands and seals, as of the day and year first above written.

Attest:

City Of Marathon, Florida

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Diane Clavier,  
City Clerk

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George Garrett,  
City Manager

Approved As To Form And Legality For The Use  
And Reliance Of The City Of Marathon, Florida Only:

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Steve Williams, City Attorney

Ronald L. Book, PA.

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Mr. Ronald L. Book, President  
President