

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2007-141**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA AND BISHOP, ROSASCO AND COMPANY FOR THE PROVISION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR SERVICES.

WHEREAS, Bishop, Rosasco and Company has been providing finance director services to the City of Marathon, Florida (the "City") since February 2003; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to enter into an agreement with Bishop, Rosasco and Company (the "Consultant") so that the Consultant may continue providing finance director services to the City in accordance with the adopted budget for fiscal year 2007-2008

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA THAT:


Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Agreement between the City and Consultant to provide finance director services to the City, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A," together with such changes as may be acceptable to the City Manager and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney, is approved.

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 25th day of September, 2007

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Christopher M. Bull, Mayor

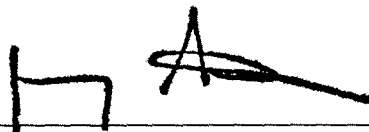
AYES: Cinque, Tempest, Vasil, Worthington, Bull
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



Diane Clavier
City Clerk
(City Seal)

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



City Attorney

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 25th day of September, 2007, by and between the City of Marathon, a Florida municipal corporation (the "City"), and Bishop, Rosasco and Company ("Consultant").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agrees as follows:

1. AUTHORIZATION

1.1 The Consultant shall be designated as the City's Finance Director. In such capacity, the Consultant shall provide the services specified in the Scope of Services to the City, in accordance with the Generally Accepted Governmental Accounting Standards.

1.2 The City Manager shall be responsible for the direction and supervision of the Consultant.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Consultant shall provide the following services to the City:

2.1 Revenue Collection

2.1.1 Coordinate with local, state and federal agencies charged with collection and disbursement of all City revenues, including taxes, assessments, fees, charges and other impositions.

2.1.2 Administer the fees, charges, and miscellaneous revenues pertaining to utilities, private enterprises and individuals as they interface with City programs.

2.1.3 Apply enforcement actions to induce payment in accordance with City policies and procedures.

2.1.4 Prepare monthly financial reports showing revenues and expenses to date in comparison with budget predictions.

2.2 Capital Program Administration

2.2.1 Coordinate with the City Manager and other City staff or consultants as directed by the City Manager on the capital needs of the City.

2.2.2 Assist the City in obtaining financing if necessary and maintain proper fund accounting procedures.

2.2.3 Administer and assist the City Manager in implementing capital program financing.

2.2.4 The scope of work outlined in Sections 2.2.1, 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 does not include the City's Wastewater and Stormwater Utility capital improvement programs.

2.3 Investment Administration

2.3.1 Prepare investment policies and procedures pursuant to Florida law and the City Charter.

2.3.2 Invest City funds pursuant to approved policies.

2.3.3 Produce timely investment reports stating the effectiveness of the chosen investment policy.

2.4 Accounting System

2.4.1 Establish Accounting System in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Uniform Accounting System prescribed by the Florida Department of Banking, Finance for Government Accounting and the Rules of the Auditor General and any other applicable state and federal regulations.

2.4.2 Prepare Public Depositor's Report and distribute to State Treasurer.

2.4.3 Work with the City's IT Department and/or consultants to recommend accounting software appropriate for the City's accounting needs. The City will purchase any accounting software necessary for implementation of the City's accounting and financial reporting system. Any software purchased by the City under this Agreement will be licensed to the City.

2.5 Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable/Payroll

2.5.1 Administer the purchase order system and any system maintained for the payment of vendors under contract with the City including payment of invoices of City vendors.

2.5.2 Coordinate sales, use and ad valorem tax collection, including franchise fees, utility taxes, simplified communications service tax and all other City receivables and fees.

2.5.3 Ensure the proper functioning of the City's payroll function, including payments of fringe benefits, federal withholding, Medicaid, Social Security, and other required taxes.

2.6 General Fixed Asset Accounting

2.6.1 Account for assets constructed by or donated to the City for maintenance.

2.6.2 Maintain inventory of City property in accordance with the Rules of the Auditor General.

2.7 Budget

2.7.1 Prepare the City's annual operating and capital budgets for the City Manager.

2.7.2 Liaison with all City departments for annual budget categories.

2.7.3 Provide materials for and attend all budget meetings, hearings and workshops.

2.7.4 Submit all required documentation to the Department of Revenue and provide all necessary reports for public advertisements and public hearings.

2.8 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit

2.8.1 Prepare the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Units of Local Government and distribute to the State Comptroller.

2.8.2 Assist the City's auditors by providing requested information to the auditors including meeting with auditors to ensure that the auditors are provided all necessary documents to prepare the City's annual audit.

3. COMPENSATION

3.1 For all services provided by Consultant as described in Section 2 of this Agreement, the City shall compensate Consultant at the annual rate of \$360,348. The Consultant shall provide the City with a monthly invoice.

3.2 The Consultant shall be reimbursed for postage (for mailing of correspondence and vendor payments) and copier expenses (for reproduction of documents and

reports) at the monthly rate of \$230.

- 3.3 The Consultant shall additionally be compensated for services outside the scope of the Agreement with prior approval of the City Manager at the hourly rates described in Exhibit 'A'. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, capital program financial consulting for the City's wastewater and stormwater utility capital improvement programs. The Consultant shall provide the City with a monthly invoice for these additional services with sufficient detail of hours worked and tasks performed by the Consultant.
- 3.4 Payments and reimbursements due under this section shall be paid by the City in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act.

4. RECORDS/RIGHT TO INSPECT AND AUDIT

- 4.1 All records, books, documents papers and financial information (the "Records") that result from Consultant providing services to the City under this Agreement shall be the property of the City.
- 4.2 Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, or at any time upon the written request of the City Manager, any and all such Records shall be delivered to the City by Consultant within 15 calendar days from the date of the request.
- 4.3 Consultant shall maintain records, books, documents, papers and financial information pertaining to work performed under this Agreement during the term of this Agreement and for a period of three (3) years following termination of this Agreement.
- 4.4 The City Manager or his designee shall, during the term of this Agreement and for a period of three (3) years from the date of termination of this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine and audit any Records of Consultant involving transactions related to this Agreement.
- 4.5 The City may cancel this Agreement for refusal by Consultant to allow access by the City Manager or his designee to any Records pertaining to work performed under this Agreement that are subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

5. INDEMNIFICATION

- 5.1. Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all demands, claims, losses, suits, liabilities, causes of action, judgment or damages, arising out of, related to, or in any way connected with Consultant's performance or non-performance of any provision of this Agreement including, but not limited to, liabilities arising from contracts between the Consultant and third parties made pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall reimburse the City for all its expenses including reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred in and about the defense of any such claim or investigation and for any judgment or damages arising out of, related to, or in any way connected with Consultant's performance or non-performance of this Agreement.
- 5.2. Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless from all losses, injuries or damages and wages or overtime compensation due its employees in rendering services pursuant to this Agreement, including payment of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in the defense of any claim made under the Fair Labor Standards Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act or any employment related litigation brought under federal or state law.
- 5.3. The provisions of this section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

6. TERM

- 6.1. This Agreement shall become effective October 1, 2007 and shall continue through September 30, 2008 unless earlier terminated as provided in Section 7.
- 6.2. The City shall have the option to renew this Agreement annually upon the same terms and conditions contained herein, with the exception of Section 3. The compensation outlined in Section 3 for each renewal of this agreement shall be negotiated and approved prior to the renewal date.

7. TERMINATION

- 7.1. The City may elect to terminate this Agreement by giving Consultant written notice at least 90 days prior to the effective date of termination. Upon receipt of a written notice of termination, Consultant shall not enter into any third party agreements or incur any financial obligations or expenses unless such expenses are specifically approved or directed in writing by the City Manager.
- 7.2. Consultant may terminate this Agreement by giving the City written notice at least 90 calendar days prior to the effective date of termination.

- 7.3. In the event of termination or expiration of this Agreement, Consultant and the City shall cooperate in good faith in order to effectuate a smooth and harmonious transition from Consultant to any other person or entity the City may designate, and to maintain during such period of transition the same services provided to the City pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- 7.4. Consultant will take all reasonable and necessary actions to transfer all books, records and data of the City in its possession in an orderly fashion to either the City or its designee in a hard copy and computer format.
- 7.5. Subsequent to the termination of this Agreement, Consultant shall continue to provide all necessary services to assist the City Auditors with the preparation of the annual audit for the fiscal year in which this Agreement is terminated. Consultant shall be compensated for any such post-termination services on an hourly basis not to exceed \$150.00 per hour.

8. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/MODIFICATION/AMENDMENT

- 8.1. This writing contains the entire Agreement of the parties and supercedes any prior oral or written representations. No representations were made or relied upon by either party, other than those that are expressly set forth herein.
- 8.2. No agent, employee, or other representative of either party is empowered to modify or amend the terms of this Agreement, unless executed with the same formality as this document.

9. INSURANCE

- 9.1 Consultant shall maintain at its sole cost and expense all times, in addition to any other insurance the City may reasonably require, professional liability insurance, employee dishonesty insurance, employer's liability insurance, comprehensive general liability insurance and automotive liability insurance with minimum policy limits for each coverage in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence, single limit for property damage and bodily injury, including death. The City shall be named as an additional insured on each of the above policies, unless prohibited by law, and Consultant shall provide the City with a certificate evidencing same. Each policy shall also state that it is not subject to cancellation, modification, or reduction in coverage without thirty (30) days written notice to the City prior to the effective date of cancellation, modification, or reduction in coverage.

- 9.2 Consultant shall maintain Worker's Compensation insurance at the statutory minimums required by Chapter 440, Florida Statutes.
- 9.3 Consultant shall maintain each of above insurance policies throughout the term of this Agreement and any extensions of this Agreement.
- 9.4 Consultant shall provide City with a current copy of each of the above insurance policies, and any renewals.

10. SEVERABILITY

- 10.1. If any term or provision of this Agreement shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and each remaining term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

11. GOVERNING LAW

- 11.1. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Exclusive venue for any litigation arising out of this Agreement shall be in Monroe County, Florida.

12. WAIVER

- 12.1. The failure of either party to this Agreement to object to or to take affirmative action with respect to any conduct of the other which is in violation of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of the violation or breach, or of any future violation, breach or wrongful conduct.

13. NOTICES/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES

- 13.1. Any notices required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been properly given if transmitted by hand-delivery, by private postal service, by registered or certified mail with postage prepaid return receipt requested, addressed to the parties at the following addresses:

For the City:

City of Marathon
Attention: Mike Puto, City Manager
10045-55 Overseas Highway
Marathon, Florida 33050

Telephone: (305) 743-0033
Facsimile: (305) 743-3667

With a copy to:

Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A
Attention: Jimmy L. Morales, Esq
150 W. Flagler Street, Suite 2500
Miami, FL 33130
Telephone: 305-789-3532
Facsimile: 305-789-3395

For Consultant:

Bishop, Rosasco and Company.
Attention: Peter Rosasco, CPA
8085 Overseas Highway
Marathon, FL 33050
Telephone: (305) 743-6586
Facsimile: (305)743-0726

Either party shall have the right to change its address for notice purposes by sending written notice of such change of address to the other party in accordance with the provisions hereof.

14. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

- 14.1. Consultant is and shall remain an independent contractor and is not an employee or agent of the City. Services provided by Consultant shall be by employees of Consultant working under the supervision and direction of Consultant and nothing in this Agreement shall in any way be interpreted or construed to deem said employees to be agents, employees, or representatives of the City. Consultant agrees that it is a separate and independent enterprise from the City.
- 14.2. Consultant shall be responsible for all compensation, tax responsibilities, insurance benefits, other employee benefits, and any other status or rights of its employees during the course of their employment with Consultant. This Agreement shall not be construed as creating any joint employment relationship between Consultant and the City, and the City will not be liable for any

obligation incurred by Consultant, including but not limited to, unpaid minimum wages and/or overtime payments.

15. ASSIGNMENT

15.1. The parties agree that the professional services of Bishop, Rosasco & Co. are personal in nature and are considered material to the performance of Consultant's obligation under this Agreement. Accordingly, this Agreement shall not be assignable by Consultant unless such assignment is first approved by the City Council at the City's sole discretion.

16. PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

16.1. Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person(s), company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

17. WARRANTIES OF CONSULTANT

17.1. Consultant warrants and represents that at all time during the term of this Agreement it shall maintain in good standing all licenses and certificates required under federal, state and local laws necessary to perform the Scope of Services specified in this Agreement, including but not limited to maintaining any required software registration and licensing.

17.2. Consultant warrants and represents that its employees providing services to the City under this Agreement will abide by the applicable Code of Ethics for Public Officers and employees, Chapter 112 Florida Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time.

18. ATTORNEYS FEES

18.1. In the event of any litigation arising out of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its attorneys' fees and costs, including the fees and expenses of any paralegals, law clerks and legal assistants, and including fees and expenses charged for representation at both the trial and appellate levels.

19. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL

19.1 In the event of any litigation arising out of this Agreement, each party hereby knowingly, irrevocably, voluntarily and intentionally waives its right to trial by jury.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned parties have executed this Agreement on the date indicated above.

WITNESSES:

Kathleen Rodgers
Print Name: KATHLEEN RODGERS

Jamie Clarke
Print Name: Jamie Clarke

BISHOP, ROSASCO AND COMPANY

By: Peter Rosasco
Print Name: Peter Rosasco, CPA

Date: 10-8-7

ATTEST:

Marie Clavier
City Clerk

CITY OF MARATHON

By: Christopher M. Bull
Christopher M. Bull, Mayor

Date: 9-25-07

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
City Attorney

Exhibit “A”

Hourly Rates for Bishop, Rosasco and Company.

Partner	\$175.00/hour
Senior Staff	\$150.00/hour
Professional Staff	\$100.00/hour
Clerical	\$ 45.00/hour