

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THORN RUN PARTNERS FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT AND ADVISORY SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City Council is desirous of authorizing the City Manager to enter into a (continuing) contract agreement with Thorn Run Partners in the amount of \$6,500.00 per month. (not to exceed a total cost of \$78,000 for the 12-month engagement) to provide lobbying, consultant and advisory services to the City of Gulfport in support of the City of Gulfport's legislative applications and funding requests to the United States Senate, House and related appropriate federal agencies for funding and the production of the 1. Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center (est. \$1,000,000), and additional legislative or funding activities as determined by the City Manager or City Council for the City of Gulfport. (Charlotte County - RFP & Contract No. 2018000311); and

WHEREAS, Thorn Run Partners, will assist the City in presenting its legislative priorities and project plans; advise, counsel and represent the city in pursuing funding for municipal projects and furthering the City's legislative priorities. The City requests that the firm pursue initiatives and funding at the federal level of government; and

WHEREAS, In the past, members of the firm's work to date on behalf of the City of Gulfport has been successful and the City Attorney has determined the contract is legally sufficient to execute.

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

Section 1.

The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into a continuing contract with Thorn Run Partners to provide federal legislative/governmental consultant and advisory services in the amount of \$6,500 per month and approves the associated budget amendment, as attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A.

Section 2.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2021 by the Council of the City of Gulfport, Florida.

Samuel Henderson, Mayor

ATTEST: APPROVED

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk