

RESOLUTION No. 24-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SELECTION OF GASTESI, LOPEZ & MESTRE, PLLC (“FIRM”) AS CITY ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3.02 OF THE CITY’S CHARTER, AND AWARDING RFQ #2024-06 “CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES” TO THE FIRM; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH THE FIRM CONSISTENT WITH THE FIRM’S PROPOSAL; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Section 3.02 of the Charter of the City of Doral (the "City") provides that in the event of a vacancy in the position of City Attorney, the members of the City Council shall appoint members to a search committee as provided therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforementioned Charter provision, the City Council appointed individuals to a Search Committee during the February 14, 2024 Council Meeting for the purposes of recruiting, evaluating, interviewing, and recommending candidates for the position of City Attorney to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City advertised the vacancy on the City’s website, the Florida Bar, and issued Request for Qualifications #2024-06 for City Attorney Services (“RFQ”); and

WHEREAS, the City received interest and resumes from two (2) applicants, Shauna Morris and Christopher La Piano, and received timely submission of proposals from three (3) firms: Greenspoon Marder, LLP, Gastesi, Lopez & Mestre, PLLC, and Gray Robinson, PA; and

WHEREAS, both the applicants and the three firms were invited to be present and address the Search Committee at a publicly held meeting on May 7, 2024, during which the Search Committee scored and ranked the proposers; and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee forwarded the names of Gastesi, Lopez & Mestre, PLLC, which was determined to be the top ranked proposer, and Gray Robinson, PA, which was determined to be the second-ranked proposer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to approve the selection of Gastesi, Lopez & Mestre, PLLC (the “Firm”) to serve as City Attorney and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a retainer agreement consistent with the proposal submitted by Firm in response to the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council may determine that there is a need for support from the Interim City Attorney for a limited time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND 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. Award. The award of the RFQ to the Firm is approved in accordance with Article 3.02 of the City Charter. No rights are vested in the Firm unless and until the City Manager executes a retainer agreement consistent with this Resolution.

Section 3. Authorization. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute a retainer agreement consistent with the proposal submitted by Firm. The Interim City Attorney may transition to a temporary support role, if needed, for a limited time.

Section 4. Implementation. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take such further action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and the provisions of this Resolution and the Retainer Agreement.

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

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Puig-Corve who moved its adoption.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabral and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	Yes
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3 day of June, 2024.



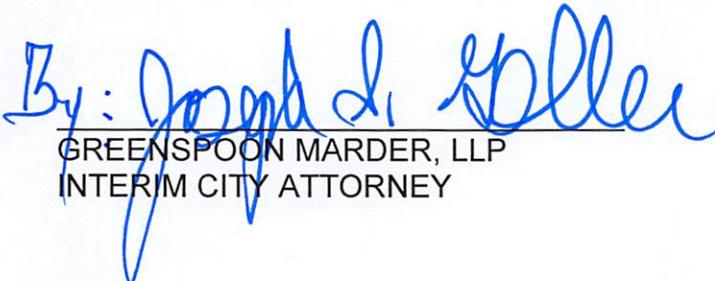
CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

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



GREENSPOON MARDER, LLP
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY