

BILL NO. 23-237

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AWARD OF RFQ 2024-033 TO VERSA GOVERNMENTAL STRATEGIES FOR LOBBYIST SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT THEREFOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR WITH TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR RENEWALS.

WHEREAS, the City of Lee's Summit last sought bids for lobbying services in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the contract authorized by the City Council at that time will expire on December 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the City advertised RFQ 2024-033 to identify qualified firms that can provide lobbying services related to legislation in Jefferson City; and,

WHEREAS, the RFQ was advertised by the City to potential firms through its e-procurement system, and was additionally posted on the City's website and sent directly to multiple firms directly via e-mail; and,

WHEREAS, as of the close of the time for responses, only one bid received and considered responsive; and,

WHEREAS, based upon the evaluation of the responses, the Legislative Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommended award of RFQ No. 2024-033 to Versa Governmental Strategies; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this project has been specifically outlined in the City's FY2024 budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. That RFQ No. 2024-033 for the provision of legislative lobbying services hereby is awarded to Versa Governmental Strategies.

SECTION 2. That the Agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 by and between the City of Lee's Summit and Versa Governmental Strategies., in substantially similar form to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, be and is hereby approved.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption, and approval by the Mayor.

SECTION 5. That should any section, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences or clauses.

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PASSED by the City Council of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

Mayor *William A. Baird*

City Clerk, *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

APPROVED by the Mayor of said city this ____ day of _____, 2023.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney *Brian W. Head*