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Agenda Bill No.: 24-1345

Assembly Meeting Date: 01/23/24

Business Item Description:	Attachments:
Subject: Hiring of Reid Harris, Harris Advocacy, State lobbyist for Haines	1. Resolution 24-01-1087 2. Reid Harris Proposal
Originator: Manager	
Originating Department: Administration	
Date Submitted: 01/18/24	

Full Title/Motion:
Motion: Adopt Resolution 24-01-1087

Administrative Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:			
Expenditure Required	Amount Budgeted	Appropriation Required	Projected Impact to Future Operating Budgets
\$ 36,000 + expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A

Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review:	
Comp Plan Goals/Objectives:	Consistent: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Summary Statement:

Referral:	
Referred to:	Referral Date:
Recommendation:	Meeting Date:

Assembly Action:	
Meeting Date(s): 01/23/24	Public Hearing Date(s):
	Postponed to Date:

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Authorizing the Borough Manager to Enter into a Contract with Reid Harris, Harris Advocacy to Provide State Lobbying Services for \$36,000.

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough is in need of a State Lobbyist for 2024 Reid Harris, Harris Advocacy has provided a proposal to provide lobbying services and advocate for the Haines Borough; and

WHEREAS, the previous contracts were annual; and

WHEREAS, the current proposal is for an annually renewable contract which would be renewed up to three times based upon a satisfactory review by the manager, and subject to available funding; and

WHEREAS, a contract to hire a lobbyist is exempt from the competitive sealed bid requirements of Haines Borough Code (HBC) section 3.60.090 since it is a contract involving the obtaining of professional or specialized services such as, but not limited to, services rendered by architects, attorneys, engineers, and other specialized; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient, unbudgeted funds in the Economic Development Fund (Fund 23) to cover this professional services contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY that the Borough Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an annually renewable contract with Harris Advocacy, to provide lobbying services to the Haines Borough in the amount of \$36,000.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 23th day of January, 2024.

Thomas C. Morphet, Mayor

Attest:

Aleka Fullerton, MMC, Borough Clerk

HARRIS ADVOCACY

Haines Borough Assembly
P.O. Box 1209
Haines, AK 99827

January 17, 2024

Subject: Alaska Legislature Lobbying Proposal

Honorable Borough Assembly Members,

To help meet your government affairs objectives in Alaska I propose that the Haines Borough (“Borough”) retain Reid Harris/Harris Advocacy as your lobbyist and government affairs consultant. The specific services I offer are:

Legislative and Administrative Communication and Lobbying

I will work with the Borough to implement its legislative strategy and communicate directly with legislators to gain support and maximize results. I will remain in constant contact with the Borough’s delegation during session to update them on Borough priorities and seek information on legislation that either helps or hinders the Borough. I will communicate with members of the Administration only as it pertains to legislation. I will communicate with the Borough as needed to share information and make strategic adjustments to react to new developments with the legislature and administration. I will not get “out in front” of the Borough in these efforts and will only directly lobby issues at the Borough’s specific direction.

Government Relations Strategy

I will work with the Borough to implement a coordinated strategy to manage communications with the Alaska State Legislature and the administration. I will engage on agreed priorities—as directed by the Borough—including but not limited to:

- Capital projects (prior examples being the Borough’s DPS building and small boat harbor)
- Regional priorities (examples: AMHS vessel replacement and continued operational funding, other DOT operating and capital budget items, DEED public school funding and base student allocation, DFG hunting, fishing, and subsistence regulations)
- Economic development (including recreational opportunities) that are in line with the Borough’s most recent 5-Year Economic Development Plan.

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- Relationship building, meeting coordination, and engagement on behalf of the Borough with key lawmakers (Southeast delegation, House and Senate leadership, Finance Committee members, other key committee members).

Regional Strategy

If the Borough deems it beneficial, I will engage with other Southeast municipal and Tribal government lobbyists to create a regional workgroup that will meet periodically in Juneau—or at appropriate venues, such as Alaska Municipal League and Southeast Conference—to build a coalition that can promote the regional needs of Southeast communities on mutual goals including countering the amassing of political and economic power in the Railbelt region and collaborating on strategic issues specific to Southeast Alaska.

Research and Analysis

I can obtain and provide analysis on legislative history, bill files, legal opinions, letters of support, agency reports, copies of testimony, and other information that can be useful to gain information about particular legislation or policy.

Political Advice

I will keep the Borough informed regarding the political climate in Alaska. I will also provide updates on state-level legislative and gubernatorial elections as well as potential ballot measures that may affect the borough.

Cost

The price of this contract is \$36,000 for the 2024 calendar year (terminating on December 31, 2024). Payment can be made lump sum or quarterly.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the Haines Borough before the Alaska State Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Reid Harris", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Reid Harris/Harris Advocacy