

RESOLUTION No. 2010-10-1192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF ROBERT C. GANG OF GREENBERG TRAURIG P.A. FOR BOND WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE MIAMI GARDENS TOWN CENTER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City is in the process of determining whether it wants to develop the City Hall site located 27th Avenue and 189th Street, and

WHEREAS, in order to develop the site, the City will be required to issue a bond, and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney and City Manager are both recommending that the City contract with Robert C. Gang of Greenberg Traurig for Bond Counsel Services related the development of the City Hall site, and

WHEREAS, Robert C. Gang has agreed to assist the City and do preliminary bond work at a discounted rate, and,

WHEREAS, it is being requested that the City Council authorize Mr. Gang to perform preliminary services up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for bond work relating to the Miami Gardens Town Center Project,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby authorizes the City to retain the services of Robert C. Gang of Greenberg Traurig P.A. for bond work associated with the Miami Gardens Town Center.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2010.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, CITY ATTORNEY

MOVED BY: Councilwoman Pritchett
SECOND BY: Councilman Bratton

VOTE: 5-1

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u> </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)(not present)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u> </u> (Yes)	<u> X </u> (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)



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Council Meeting Date:	January 13, 2009		Item Type: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Resolution	Ordinance	Other	
				X			
Fiscal Impact: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	1st Reading		2nd Reading	
	X			Public Hearing: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Yes
Funding Source:	General Fund/Bond Issue		Advertising Requirement: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>		Yes		No
					X		
Contract/P.O. Required: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	RFP/RFQ/Bid #:	<i>(Enter #)</i>			
	X						
Sponsor Name	Danny Crew, City Manager and Sonja Dickens, City Attorney		Department:	<i>City Manager/City Attorney</i>			

Short Title:

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Summary:

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Proposed Action:

Authorizes the City to retain the services of Robert C. Gang of Greenberg Traurig P.A. for bond work associated with the Miami Gardens Town Center.

Attachment:

Exhibit "A" - Bob Gang Proposal

**ITEM J-3) CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION
Retain the Services of Robert C. Gang
for Bond Work**



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December 11, 2009

Sonja K. Dickens
City Attorney
City of Miami Gardens
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Miami Gardens, Florida 33169

Re: Miami Gardens Town Center Preliminary Legal Work

Dear Sonja:

To follow up on our meeting of Tuesday, December 8, 2009 concerning legal issues arising in the planning and structuring of financing for a city hall, police headquarters and parking garage complex comprising phase I of a Miami Gardens Town Center, Greenberg Traurig, P.A. has agreed to provide legal advice to you and the City Manager on a preliminary basis prior to formal action by the City Council to initiate a financing. In the course of our discussions Tuesday a number of issues were discussed that will impact the ultimate structure. I agreed to perform preliminary services up to \$5,000 initially, that would be due and payable upon invoicing, and would be separate from any bond counsel or disclosure counsel contract submitted for approval subsequently when the Council decides to move forward with the financing. The preliminary work will be billed at normal hourly rates less 20%; when the \$5,000 cap has been reached, I will invoice the City and discuss with you and the Manager the need for additional services, if any. My normal hourly rate is \$640; at a 20% discount the rate is \$512. This arrangement is intended to endure until formal action on the part of the City is taken to retain Greenberg Traurig as bond counsel and disclosure counsel for the financing described above. The fees described hereunder will be due and payable upon invoicing regardless of whether the City goes forward with the financing.

If this arrangement is acceptable, please so indicate by signing and returning a copy of this letter by e-mail. I look forward to working with you and the City staff on the financing.

Yours sincerely,



Robert C. Gang

cc: Dr. Danny O. Crew, City Manager
Renee C. Farmer, Deputy City Manager

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Accepted and agreed to this ____ day of December, 2009.

CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA