

RESOLUTION No. 2008-110-797

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-50-737, WHICH AWARDED A BID FOR AUDITING SERVICES TO TCBA WATSON RICE LLP, & ASSOCIATES, WHICH APPROVED AN AUDIT COMMITTEE AND WHICH AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2008, the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens approved a Resolution awarding a bid for auditing services to TCBA Watson Rice LLP, & Associates, to provide auditing services to the City, and

WHEREAS, in that Resolution, the City Council also approved an Audit Committee and authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Agreement for auditing services, and

WHEREAS, the city was unable to consummate an Agreement with TCBA Watson Rice LLP, & Associates, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that instead of the City Manager being authorized to negotiate and execute an Agreement with the second, third and fourth ranked respondents, respectively, that the City Council would like a presentation from the second, third and fourth ranked respondents, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate in that case to rescind the original Resolution,

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.

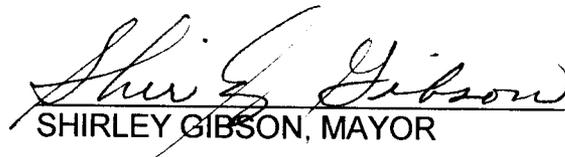
Section 2. RESCINDING RESOLUTION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby rescinds Resolution No. 2008-50-737.

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 MAY 28, 2008.

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: DANNY CREW, CITY MANAGER

MOVED BY: Councilman Gilbert
SECOND BY: Councilman Bratton

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert, III	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)

City of Miami Gardens

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Councilman Melvin L. Bratton
Councilman Oscar Braynon II
Councilman Aaron Campbell Jr.
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett
Councilman André Williams

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Date: May 15, 2008

Fiscal Impact: No Yes

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source: General Revenues

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes No

Sponsor Name/Department:

Danny O. Crew, City Manager

Public hearing

Ordinance

1st Reading

Advertising requirement:

RFP/RFQ/Bid

Quasi-Judicial

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2nd Reading

Yes No

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Staff Summary

The City Council passed Resolution No. 2008-50-737 approving the selection of Watson Rice LLP as the City's external auditors for fiscal years 2008 thru 2010 and approved the negotiation of a contract with this firm.

Unfortunately, staff was not successful in negotiating a contract with Watson Rice LLP and both parties have agreed to end all negotiations.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that Council approve rescinding Resolution No. 2008-50-737.

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Advertising requirement:

RFP/RFQ/Bid RFP#07-08-023 External Audit Services

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2nd Reading

Yes No

Staff Summary

In accordance with State Statute 218.39, all municipalities are required to have an annual audit performed by an independent firm of Certified Public Accountants. The City's contract with its current Auditors ended with the audit of the September 30, 2007 fiscal year. An RFP was issued, and an Audit Committee was formed comprised of William Alonso, Finance Director; Horace McHugh, Assistant City Manager; and Daniel Rosemund, Community Development Director in order to evaluate the responses received. The RFP covers the Fiscal Years ended September 30, 2008, 2009, and 2010. The Audit Committee had originally ranked the firms in the following order:

1. Watson Rice LLP
2. Rachlin LLP/Sean Davis & Associates
3. Albern, Caballero LLC/Cynthia Borders-Boyd
4. Harvey Covington

Based on these rankings, council approved the negotiation of a contract with the top ranked firm, Watson Rice LLP.

Unfortunately, staff was not successful in negotiating a contract with Watson Rice LLP and both parties have agreed to end all negotiations. Therefore, and according to the Auditor General's External Auditor selection guidelines and the resolution that Council adopted on March 12, 2008, the committee recommends awarding the contract to the second ranked firm, Rachlin LLP/Sean Davis & Associates. Rachlin LLP will subcontract part of the audit to the firm of Sean Davis & Associates, who have offices in Miami Gardens. Based on Council's request at the May 14, 2008 meeting, all three firms are present and prepared to make presentations to Council, if needed.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with Rachlin LLP/Sean Davis & Associates for the fiscal years from 2008-2010. We have attached a summary of the relevant factors for the remaining three firms so that Council can make an informed decision on this matter.