AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: January 8, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Neysa Herrera

ITEM TYPE: Discussion Item

AGENDA SECTION: Agenda

TITLE: Ronald Book Lobbying Services Agreement: State Lobbyist
Presented by Neysa Herrera, Chief of Staff

BACKGROUND:

In September 2002, the City initiated a contractual agreement for lobbying services with Ronald L. Book. This agreement has been amended annually since its inception. Under the current terms of the agreement, Mr. Book is tasked to:

- Contact and communicate with agencies and officers of Federal, State, and Local government as directed by City Manager or designee.
- Establish and maintain liaisons with Federal State and Local agencies, officers, and elected
- Obtain and provide information relating to all matters concerning the specific interests of the City of Tamarac and recommend action as necessary.
- Monitor Federal and State legislation and rule-making processing by Federal and State agencies (whether pending, introduced, or initiated during the term of this contract), which impact the operation, revenues and/or required expenditures of the City.
- Act as an official representative of the City with members of the Federal and State delegations, governmental agencies, and persons involved in governmental affairs affecting the City as directed and authorized by the City Manager or designee.
- Arrange meetings with legislators as necessary and participate in said meetings as
- Lobby on behalf of the City-sponsored legislation and on specific bills and issues as directed by the City Manager or designee.
- Assist the City of Tamarac in identifying funding

- Assist the City of Tamarac in obtaining Federal and State permits and

Since the onset of the contract, Mr. Book has assisted in securing State level appropriations, lobbied on behalf of the City based on Commission priorities, and apprised the City regarding pertinent bills and issues as they arise throughout the legislative session.

This year, through the collaborative efforts of Ron Book and his team working in tandem with City Staff, we have successfully secured $1.4 million in state appropriations. These funds will be allocated towards the city's water projects and park developments, thereby strengthening our city's resilience and enriching the quality of life for all our residents.

2023 Secured Funding

Tamarac Stormwater Culvert Headwalls Improvement Project Phase 7

Sponsors: Senator Osgood, Representative Dunkley

Amount Requested: $400,000 Match: 50%

Tamarac Water Treatment Plant Control Building

Sponsors: Senator Osgood, Representative Daley

Amount Requested: $600,000 Match: 98%

FRDAP Large Development Project

City of Tamarac – Caporella Park (Ranked #31)

FRDAP: Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant

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City of Tamarac – Aquatic Center (Ranked #42)

FRDAP: Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant

The proposed Amendment #21 provides for the continuation of Mr. Book's services under the existing contract terms and conditions and at the current contract cost of $59,400 per year for an additional one- year period.

ISSUE: Discussion about Amendment #21 to the agreement for Lobbyist Services between the City of Tamarac and Ronald L. Book, P.A.

ATTACHMENTS:
Ronald Book Amendment__21.pdf