

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-143**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA,  
APPROVING THE AUDITOR SELECTION  
COMMITTEE'S RESULTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IN THE PROVISION OF  
INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES, IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND  
SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN RFP #15-20-21;  
FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND  
CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN  
AGREEMENT WITH THE SELECTED FIRM;  
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL  
OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2021, the City of North Miami ("City") adopted Resolution 2021-R-46 which established an Auditor Selection Committee for the primary purpose of selecting an auditor to conduct the statutorily required annual financial audit in accordance with Section 218.391, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 13, 2021, the City issued *Request For Proposals (RFP) No. 15-20-Independent Auditing Services* ("RFP") on behalf of the Auditor Selection Committee seeking proposals from qualified and experienced Certified Public Accounting firms to provide independent auditing services to audit the City's financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and subsequent fiscal years in accordance with the terms and conditions of the solicitation ("Services"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City received seven (7) proposals, of which were evaluated by the Auditor Selection Committee consisting of the following members: Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime, Pierre Saliba, Sainte-Fanie Jean-Baptiste, and Jacob Nae; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auditor Selection Committee met for the purpose of reviewing the proposals, evaluating and ranking firms, and recommending a minimum of three (3) firms to the Mayor and City Council, as required by Section 218.391, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, upon completion of its review, the Auditor Selection Committee recommended the following firms in order of preference: 1) RSM US, LLP, 2) Marcum, LLP, and 3) Anthony Brunson, P.A.; and

**WHEREAS**, RSM US, LLP (“Contractor”) was found to be the top ranked firm based on the results of the Auditor Selection Committee, demonstrating to be the most advantageous to the City in the provision of Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 218.391, Florida Statutes requires City Council to inquire of qualified firms as to the basis of compensation, select one of the firms recommended by the Auditor Selection Committee, and negotiate a contract with the selected firm; and

**WHEREAS**, since compensation was one of the factors established for the evaluation of audit services to be provided by the selected firm and used in the evaluation of proposals, the City Council must select the highest-ranked qualified firm or must document in its public records the reason for not selecting the highest-ranked qualified firm prior to entering into negotiations with any other recommended firm; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council may select a firm recommended by the Audit Committee and negotiate a contract with one of the recommended firms using an appropriate alternative negotiation method for which compensation is not the sole or predominant factor used to select the firm; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the three (3) recommended firms, the Mayor and City Council stated on the public record that they would not be selecting from the top two (2) ranked firms as these are large national companies and they favored a small locally operated business to perform the City’s auditing services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council have reviewed the Auditor Selection Committee’s results, determined that it is in the City’s best interest to approve the Committee’s results, and select Anthony Brunson, P.A. for the provision of independent auditing services.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Approval of Auditor Selection Committee’s Results.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby approve the Auditor Selection Committee’s

results and selection of three (3) top ranked firms for consideration by the Mayor and City Council for the provision of independent auditing services in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications contained in RFP #15-20-21; and

**Section 2. Selection of Contractor.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby select Anthony Brunson, P.A. for the provision of independent auditing services in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications contained in RFP #15-20-21 and the Contractor's proposal submitted in response thereto.


**Section 3. Authority of City Manager and City Attorney.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate and execute an agreement with the selected contractor for the provision of services.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 4-1 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 12th day of October, 2021.

  
PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME  
MAYOR

ATTEST :

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Timothe

**Vote:**

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime  
Vice Mayor Scott Galvin

\_\_\_\_ (Yes) X (No)  
X (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA  
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin  
Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

  X   (Yes)        (No)  
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