



**BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 89-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, WAIVING A COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR LOBBYING SERVICES WITH THE JORDON CONNORS GROUP IN A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 PER YEAR; PROVIDING ASSURANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the City of Stuart, Florida recognizes the Jordan Connors Group has unique, historical, institutional knowledge and experience.

WHEREAS, the City of Stuart, Florida waives the competitive selection process and authorizes the City Manager to execute a State Lobbying Services Agreement with the Jordan Connors Group.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The City Commission of the City of Stuart hereby waives the competitive selection process related to State Lobbying Services.

SECTION 2: The City Commission of the City of Stuart hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the State Lobbying Services Agreement with the Jordan Connors Group for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

SECTION 3: This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

Resolution No. 89-2020
Award Contract to Jordan Connors Groups – State Lobbying Services

Commissioner MATHESON offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner BRUNER and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:


MICHAEL J. MEIER, MAYOR
EULA R. CLARKE, VICE MAYOR
BECKY BRUNER, COMMISSIONER
MERRITT MATHESON, COMMISSIONER
VACANT, COMMISSIONER

YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Y			
Y			
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Y			

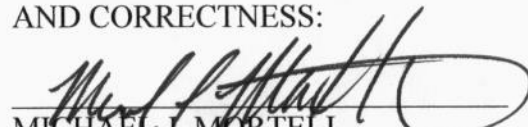
ADOPTED this 27th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:


MARY R. KINDEL
CITY CLERK


MICHAEL J. MEIER
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:


MICHAEL J. MORTELL
CITY ATTORNEY



STATE LOBBYING SERVICES AGREEMENT EXTENSION

THIS AGREEMENT EXTENSION is entered into this 27 day of July, 2020, by and between the City of Stuart, a Florida municipal corporation ("City") and Jordan Connors Group, Inc. ("JCG"), whose address is 701 Stanley Drive, Fernandina Beach, FL, 32034.

WHEREAS, CITY desires to retain JCG to render certain lobbying services, as described herein; and

WHEREAS, JCG represents that JCG is qualified, willing and able to provide the described services according to the terms of this Agreement Extension; it is therefore agreed that:

1. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT. The purpose of this Agreement Extension is for JCG to provide lobbying services to the City and to represent the City in Tallahassee, Florida, with the Legislature, Governor and Executive Branch. JCG shall work closely with the City Manager in the development and ongoing implementation of the programs and initiatives outlined above and shall provide, at a minimum, the following services:
 - A. Meet with City staff and City Commissioners to assist in the development of the City's list of goals, priorities and specific projects. Identify which of these goals, priorities and specific projects could be addressed at the State level and assist in developing written material on each budget request to be presented to legislators and staff.
 - B. Develop and deploy strategies to advocate and secure state funding for City's budget priorities. Secure Senate and House sponsors for all budget requests.
 - C. Monitor current State legislation and the State budget process and report to the City, both orally and in writing, any legislative events that may directly or indirectly impact the City.
 - D. Provide the City with updates on issues that may impact the City.
 - E. Advocate the City's Legislative agenda to the Florida Legislature.
 - F. Coordinate lobbying efforts with City.
2. COMMENCEMENT AND TERM. The term of this Agreement Extension shall be from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2023.
3. PAYMENTS TO JCG. The City shall pay JCG \$60,000 per year, to be billed monthly installments in the amount of \$5,000 beginning October 1, 2020. JCG will send an invoice on the first day of each month for the current's month's services and payment is due by the end of each month. All payments should be remitted to 701 Stanley Drive, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

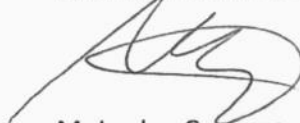
4. LOBBYIST REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. City agree to complete any forms necessary to comply with lobbyist registration requirements under Florida law that may arise as a result of JCG's representation of City during the term of this Agreement or after its termination should reporting periods overlap.
5. TERMINATION. Either party may terminate this Agreement Extension without regard to cause with thirty days written notice.
6. CONSTRUCTION. This Agreement Extension shall be governed by the laws, rules and regulations of the State of Florida.
7. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP. Nothing contained in this Agreement Extension shall be deemed or construed to the relationship between the parties of principal and agent, or of partnership or joint venture, or of employer and employee; it being expressly agreed that the relationship of JCG to City is that of an independent contractor.

Jordan Connors Group, Inc. neither promises nor warrants any particular outcome or result in this matter.

The parties agree to comply will all ordinance and rules relating to lobbying governmental officials and neither party shall do anything in any way which constitutes a violation of law in order to influence the actions of public officials or others concerned with the administration of public affairs.

This letter contains the entire agreement between Client and Jordan Connors Group, Inc. and can be modified only by written agreement signed by both parties.

Jordan Connors Group, Inc.



M. Jordan Connors
President/CEO


Approved and agreed to this 3 day

Of August, 2020

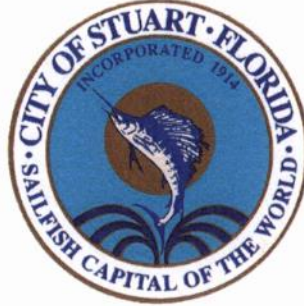
By: 

Title: City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS



MICHAEL J. MORTELL
CITY ATTORNEY



**BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 60-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO RETAIN JORDAN CONNORS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO ASSIST THE CITY IN ITS PURSUIT TO OBTAIN FUNDING FROM THE FREEDOM FIRST BUDGET FUNDS REMAINING AFTER DISBURSEMENT TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS; AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE STATE FROM THE 2022-2023 BUDGET TO FUND THE STORM WATER PROGRAMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY SHOVEL READY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, the City of Stuart, approved Resolution 89-2020 authorizing the City Manager to retain Jordan Connors Group to perform State Lobbying Services on behalf of the City during the annual legislative sessions in Tallahassee, Florida.

WHEREAS, Jordan Connors Group notified that the City that there is a potential opportunity to apply for surplus funds which may be available from the "Freedom First Budget for the calendar year 2022-2023.

WHEREAS, the surplus funds that may be allocated are above and beyond the funds secured by Jordan Connors Group during the legislative session for the City's alternative water facilities.

WHEREAS, Jordan Connors Group has already performed the services contemplated in the annual contract for the 2022/2023 Budget. Therefore, the services being rendered are in addition to those contractual services previously negotiated.

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Retain Connors Group to seek funds from Budget Surplus

WHEREAS, the City of Stuart has Storm Water Programs which are “shovel ready” and may qualify for funding from the surplus funds remaining after the First Responder Bonuses have been disbursed by the State.

WHEREAS, in benefits the City of Stuart and its residents for the Commission to secure additional services and seek additional funds which may become available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA that:

SECTION 1: The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to retain Jordan Connors Group with an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to assist the City in obtaining surplus funds from the Freedom First Budget.

SECTION 2: Further, the City shall execute those documents necessary to submit any requests for the surplus funds.

SECTION 3: The City Manager shall determine the appropriate funding method and allocate the funds accordingly.

SECTION 4: This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

R60-2022

Retain Connors Group to seek funds from Budget Surplus


Commissioner MEIER offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner CLARKE and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

MERRITT MATHESON, MAYOR
TROY MCDONALD, VICE MAYOR
BECKY BRUNER, COMMISSIONER
EULA R. CLARKE, COMMISSIONER
MIKE MEIER, COMMISSIONER

YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Y			
		ABSENT	
Y			
Y			
Y			

ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:




MARY R. KINDEL
CITY CLERK



MERRITT MATHESON
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:



MICHAEL J. MORTELL, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

