

RESOLUTION NO. R 2019-050

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSULTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF DAVIE AND RONALD L. BOOK, PA FOR SPECIALIZED LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTING REGARDING THE SEMINOLE INDIAN GAMING COMPACT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Davie is desirous of augmenting its current lobbying efforts related to the local government distribution under the 2009 Seminole Indian Gaming Compact (Compact) as the Town believes it is not receiving its fair share from the Compact;

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature did not approve a new Compact during the 2018 Legislative Session;

WHEREAS, the Town is seeking to execute a consulting agreement with Ronald L. Book P.A. for specialized legislative and governmental consulting services regarding the Compact during the 2019 Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Ron Book will work in concert with the efforts of Ericks Consultants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE THAT:

Section 1. Legislative Findings/Recitals. The above recitals are hereby adopted by the Town of Davie as its legislative findings relative to the subjects and matters set forth in this Resolution.

Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Davie does hereby authorize the Town Administrator and/or designated staff to execute a consulting agreement with the identified consultant up to \$35,000.00. These services were procured according to the *Town Purchasing Policy Manual*, Section VII, under "Waiver of Competitive Bids" subsection 5, letter p (Professional Services).

Section 3. This resolution authorizes the expenditures from the Administration Contractual Services account.

Section 4. Conflict. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, it is the intent of the Town Council that such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and, to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are declared severable.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

  
MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

  
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

Approved as to Form and Legality:

  
TOWN ATTORNEY



Ronald L. Book, P. A.  
LAW OFFICES  
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

February 12, 2019

Ms. Leona Henry  
Intergovernmental Affairs  
Department  
Town of Davie  
6591 Orange Drive  
Davie, FL 33314

Dear Leona:

Thank you to the Town Manager, Town Attorney and Town Council for again providing our firm with the continued opportunity to represent the Town of Davie during the upcoming 2019 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature. It is understood that our retention is for the specific purpose of working on the Gaming Legislation that will likely be considered during the Regular Legislative Session. It is our understanding that it will continue to be our responsibility to amend §285.710 F.S., involving the financial distribution to the Town of Davie previously enacted and which was intended to compensate the Town for the impacts directly created and caused by the gaming activities taking place at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino, contiguous to the Town of Davie following the adoption of the Seminole Gaming compact. The impacts of the casino have been significant and substantial on the town, and the financial distribution currently provided for in law, does not support or fairly represent reasonable compensation for the impact costs to the Town and its citizens.

It will be our responsibility to continue performing all traditional lobbying activities, including but not limited to working with legislative staff, and legislators in the House and Senate, as well as the Governor and his staff. It would be our responsibility to make presentations before Legislative Committees and advocate for a more equitable distribution, under §285.710 F.S.

It is your responsibility to fully educate us on the issues and help guide us in drafting potential amendments that we would encourage inclusion of, in legislation during the upcoming Legislative Session. It would be our responsibility to keep you informed on all aspects of our work as the Legislative Session progresses. We also agree to help, in any way you request on other Town of Davie issues, including various appropriations projects

In exchange for this representation you agree to compensate my firm with a reduced fee this year of \$30,000. It is understood that the fee will be considered fully earned at the close of the 60-day Legislative Session and will include any and all extended Legislative Sessions. Should a Special Legislative Session be called at any time on gaming, we would need to readdress fees.

REPLY TO:

- Harbour Centre - 18851 N.E. 29th Avenue, Suite 1010 - Aventura, Florida 33180 - Telephone (305) 935-1866 - Fax (305) 935-9737
- 104 West Jefferson Street - Tallahassee, Florida 32301 - (850) 224-3427

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Assuming this meets with our mutual understanding, please sign and return to my office. You will be invoiced on a monthly basis (\$2,500.00) and you will also be invoiced for pro-rated costs on travel, hotel, meals, rental cars, parking, etc... not to exceed a total of \$5,000.

Sincerely,



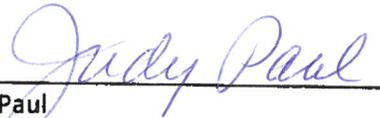
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Ronald L. Book  
Ronald L. Book, PA



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Richard J. Lemack  
Administrator, Town of Davie



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Judy Paul  
Mayor, Town of Davie



**TOWN OF DAVIE  
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

Item Number: 2.

**To:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**From:** Leona Henry, Acting Intergovernmental Affairs Manager  
**Prepared By:** Leona Henry, Acting Intergovernmental Affairs Manager - Administration

**Subject:** Resolution

**Affected District:** Town Wide

**Item Request:** Schedule for Council Meeting

**Title of Agenda Item:** **AGREEMENT** - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSULTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF DAVIE AND RONALD L. BOOK, PA., FOR SPECIALIZED LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES REGARDING THE SEMINOLE INDIAN GAMBLING COMPACT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Executive Summary:** Staff is seeking to execute a new agreement with Ronald L. Book, PA for 2019 State Legislative assistance. The consultant will work with Ericks Consultants to achieve the town's goal of securing an increase to the baseline percentage of the local government distribution. The consultants have indicated a willingness to work in concert with each other's efforts.

**Key Points:**

- Town is engaging Ron Book for consultant services related to the Seminole Indian Gambling Compact.
- Town is seeking increase to its baseline percentage in revenue from the local government distribution.

**Previous Actions:** 2017-378 - 2018 Legislative Session  
2016-275 - 2017 Legislative Session  
2016-002 - 2016 Legislative Session

**Concurrences:**

**Fiscal Impact:**

Has request been budgeted? Yes  
If yes expected cost: 35,000  
Account name and number: 001.01.106.511-53401 Contractual Services

If no, amount needed:  
Account name funds will be appropriated from

Additional Comments

**Recommendation:** Motion to approve

**Strategic Goals This Item Supports:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

File Name	Description
 <a href="#">Ron_Book_2019_Resolution.docx</a>	Resolution - Ron Book - 2019

▣ [2019 Consulting Agreement - Ron Book.pdf](#)

2019 Consulting Agreement