TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2713.20

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DAVID T. CASERTA GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2021; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to enter a new agreement for consulting services with David T. Caserta Government Relations, Inc. (the "Consultant"), for the period of November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021 which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the engagement of David T. Caserta Government Relations, Inc. under the terms of the Agreement is in the best interest of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1. Recitals Adopted.</u> That each of the above-stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. New Agreement. That the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement, on behalf of the Town, once approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the Town Attorney.

Section 3. Implementation. The Mayor and Town Manager are authorized to

take any and all action necessary to implement and enforce the purposes of this Resolution and the Agreement on behalf of the Town.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Sponsored by the Town Administration.

The Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by <u>Councilmember Mendal</u>, seconded by <u>Councilmember Lusskin</u> and on roll call the following vote ensued:

| Mayor Glenn Singer | <u>Aye</u> |
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| Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein | Aye |
| Councilmember Judy Lusskin | Aye |
| Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein | Aye |
| Councilmember Jaime Mendal | Aye |

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach,

Florida, this 24th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR GLENN SKYGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

STEPHEN J. HELFMA TOWN ATTORNEY



Date:

To:

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive Golden Beach, FL 33160

M E M O R A N D U M November 24, 2020 Item Number: 7

Town Council Member

From: Alexander Diaz. //

Alexander Diaz, Town Manager

Subject: Resolution No. – 2713.20 Renewal of Contract for David

Caserta Government Relations, Inc.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2713.20 as presented.

This resolution approves the contract with David Caserta Government Relations, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Background:

The Town has had an existing relationship with David Caserta Government Relations, Inc. since February 22, 2005. David Caserta Government Relations, Inc. was retained as an independent consultant to assist the Town in its government relations efforts at the State Level. Mr. Caserta has been instrumental in securing funds for our Capital Projects and has served as our voice on legislative matters.

Although vetoed by the Governor due to the pandemic, last year David was able to secure \$500k for our Stormwater Projects.

We recommend that we retain his services for an additional year.

Fiscal Impact:

The funds for these contracts were approved during the budget process. For Fiscal Year 2020/2021 the amount is \$36,000.00, plus expenses.

AGREEMENT

This Agreement for services is entered into this 1st day of November 2020 by and between, Town of Golden Beach (Town @ One Golden Beach Drive, Golden Beach, Florida 33160) and David Caserta Government Relations, Inc., (Consultant@ 15165 NW 77th Avenue #1001, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014).

WHEREAS, Town is a municipal government located in Miami-Dade County; and WHEREAS, Town is in need of consulting services at the State level; and WHEREAS, Consultant shall assist Town with its government relations efforts at the State level.

NOW THEREFORE, for ten dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is hereby mutually agreed as follows:

- 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated as part of this agreement.
- 2. <u>Consultant Services</u>. Consultant is hereby retained as an independent consultant to Town to assist Town in its government relations efforts at the State level. Consultant will track legislation and work with elected officials and staff in an effort to provide effective representation in order to ensure modification, passage or defeat of government

action. Consultant's services are limited to providing the above stated service and Consultant is not obligated to provide any other additional services without a written amendment to this Agreement. Company Acknowledges that Consultant shall comply with all Lobbying laws and requirements set forth in Florida Statutes 11.045.

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- 3. <u>Term.</u> The term of this Agreement shall commence effective as of November 1, 2020 and end on October 31, 2021.
- 4. <u>Compensation</u>. In consideration for this Agreement, Town shall pay Consultant a fee of Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) for services. Fee shall be payable as follows;
 - \$3,000.00 payable on November 1, 2020.
 - \$3,000.00 payable on 1st day of each month thereafter with the last payment due and payable on October 1, 2021, unless a written extension is authorized by all parties.
- 5. Expenses. Town shall also pay the Consultant, for all reasonable costs incurred and all expenditures made on behalf of the Client, including, but not limited to, travel, lodging, and meals in conjunction with representation of the Client. Such amount shall be immediately due and payable. Expenses, for the term of this agreement, shall be limited to \$4,000, unless modified in writing and authorized by all parties.

6. Relationship of Parties

6.1 Consultant's and Town, their agents, representatives, and employees shall, under no circumstances, be deemed partners, joint venturers, agents, employees or

representatives of the other. Consultant's are independent contractors and shall not be liable in any way whatsoever for the nature and quality of the work performed by Town. In performing Services under this Agreement, Consultants shall operate as and have the status of an independent contractor and shall not act as or be an agent or employees of Town. All of Consultant's activities shall be at its own risk and Consultant shall not be entitled to Workers' Compensation or similar benefits or other insurance protection provided by Town. As independent contractors, Consultant shall be solely responsible for determining the means and methods for performing the Services. Consultant will determine the time, the place, and the manner in which they will provide the Services. Town will receive only the results of Consultant's Services. Town shall provide no office space, secretarial services, or other support for Consultant's Services.

- 6.2 The Town agrees that Consultant assume no liability to the Town or any third party with respect to the performance or the action or inaction of the Town. Consultant agrees that Town assumes no liability to any third party with respect to the performance or the action or inaction of Consultants.
- 6.3 The Town and Consultant hereby agree to indemnify and hold each other, their officers, directors, shareholders and employees harmless from and against any and all claims, causes, losses, obligations, judgments, liabilities, expenses, damages and costs whatsoever, including attorneys' fees and costs at arbitration, trial and appellate levels, which in any way arise from such Party's action or inaction. This indemnification shall continue in full force and effect subsequent to and notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

- 7. <u>Termination</u>. Consultant or Town may terminate this Agreement at anytime for a breach of this Agreement or for any justifiable reason and the non-breaching party shall be entitled to pursue all available legal rights and remedies.
- 8. Enforceability. Any provision of this Agreement prohibited by law or by court decree in any locality or state shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition without in any way invalidating or affecting the remaining provisions of this Agreement as if the provision or part declared void or invalid had never been incorporated in the Agreement and the remainder of the Agreement shall continue to bind all parties.
- 9. <u>Notice</u>. For purposes of serving written notice herein, the respective addresses of the parties, unless changed by notice in writing, shall be as noted in the first paragraph of this Agreement. Any notice required or desired hereunder shall be deemed given upon receipt.
- 10. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
- 11. <u>Jurisdiction and Venue</u>. Jurisdiction and venue shall lie in the State Courts of Miami-Dade County, Florida for any dispute which arises out of this agreement.
- 12. <u>Modification</u>. This Agreement contains the full terms agreed to by the parties and shall not be modified, except in writing, signed by both parties.

- 13. <u>Waiver</u>. Failure to enforce any provision hereof shall not constitute a waiver of a party's right thereafter to enforce each and every such provision or any other provision.
- 14. <u>Arbitration</u>. In the event of any dispute arising out of this Agreement the parties agree that the same shall be submitted for binding arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association, then in effect. Arbitration shall be in Miami-Dade County, to be held before a single arbitrator.
- 15. <u>Attorneys' Fees</u>. The prevailing party in any dispute shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, including fees for trial and appellate courts.
- Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of such numbers, nor in any way affect this Agreement. Any pronouns or words shall refer to masculine, feminine or neuter, singular or plural, as the context requires.
 - 17. Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto.

- 18. <u>Authority</u>. The individuals signing below represent and warrant that they have the authority to bind their respective companies to this Agreement.
- 19. Consultant shall use his best efforts in carrying out the responsibilities set forth in this agreement, but does not guarantee any outcome relating to such services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and seals on the date before written.

| David Castila Government Atlantons, in | rta Government Relations, Inc. |
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| By: | | |
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| | David Caserta, President | (Consultant) |

Town of Golden Beach, through its Town Manager

Alexander Diaz, Town Manager

(Town Seal)