

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-703

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Carlucci and DeFoor

Date of Introduction: November 24, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

Date of Analysis: November 25, 2020

Type of Action: Appropriation; invocation of Procurement Code direct contracting exception; Ordinance Code waiver; request for emergency passage and expedited signature by the Mayor; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$26,500 from the Special Events – Florida /Georgia Game Contingency account to be used for a professional services agreement with the Robert Charles Lesser & Co., LLC (“RCLCO”) in order to provide a market evaluation of the proposed Lot J Project. The bill invokes the exemption in the Procurement Code from competitive procurement procedures for projects for which direct contracting is authorized by the ordinance appropriating the funds for the procurement. The bill waives the provision of Ordinance Code Section 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against) to permit a partial advance payment to the company as described in the fee summary and payment schedule set forth in Exhibit A-2 to the professional services agreement. It authorizes the execution of the agreement and requests the Mayor to expedite his signature of the ordinance and the professional services agreement in order to permit the company to undertake the project as quickly as possible. The Council Secretary is designated as the oversight officer for the contract and emergency passage of the bill on first reading is requested.

Background Information: Robert Charles Lesser & Co. is a national real estate consulting firm with experience in quantitative analytics and strategic planning. The sponsors propose appropriating these funds to commission an independent third party analysis of the proposed Lot J project to help the Council with its analysis of the viability of the large and complex proposal.

Policy Impact Area: Professional services procurement

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$26,500 for a directed contracting agreement.

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