



## **ISLAMORADA VILLAGE COUNCIL**

**Special Call Village Council Meeting  
Islamorada Founders Park Community Center  
87000 Overseas Highway  
Islamorada Community Center  
Islamorada, Florida 33036**

**Thursday, May 24, 2012  
At 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Reckwerdt called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and requested Village Clerk Debra Eastman to call the roll. The following Council members were present on roll call: Councilman Don Achenberg, Councilman Ted Blackburn, Councilman Dave Purdo, Vice Mayor Ken Philipson and Mayor Michael Reckwerdt.

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Reckwerdt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **IV. FEDERAL LOBBYIST INTERVIEWS**

#### **A. Alcalde & Fay**

Jim Davenport and Skip Bafalis represented the firm of Alcalde & Fay. Mr. Davenport explained their expertise, operating methods, track record and contacts. Council members asked questions and thanked them for attending.

#### **B. Mercury Clark & Weinstock**

Max Sandlin, Jim Noone, Diedere Stack, Fowler West and Patrick Baskette spoke regarding their focus, the accomplishments of the firm and about their contacts. Council members asked questions and thanked them for attending.

#### **C. Rankings of Professional Federal Lobbying Services Firms And Direction to Negotiate an Agreement**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RANKING OF PROFESSIONAL FEDERAL LOBBYING FIRMS; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A PROFESSIONAL FEDERAL LOBBYING SERVICES AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL FEDERAL LOBBYING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PROFESSIONAL**

**SERVICES AGREEMENT; APPROVING A BUDGET  
AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE**

Council members discussed the pros and cons of each firm. Council members asked for the input of the Village Manager and Village Attorney who previously reviewed the bids and ranked the bidders.

Councilman Achenberg made a motion to authorize the Village Manager to negotiate with Alcalde & Fay for a one year contract for federal lobbying services. The motion received a second from Councilman Blackburn.

Council members discussed the motion. Mayor Reckwerdt requested Village Clerk Debra Eastman to call the roll and the motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Purdo voting in opposition.

**V. MAYOR / VILLAGE COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no Mayor or Village Council communications.

**VI. VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no Village Attorney or Village Manager Communications.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Achenberg made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Philipson. The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.



Debra E. Eastman, MMC  
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.