

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 128

DENIED March 16, 2017

WHEREAS, At a special meeting on February 16, 2017, the City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Council President engage a firm, at a cost of no more than Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars, to conduct Legislative Advocacy on behalf of the City Council during the 2017 Legislative Session,” and

WHEREAS, Section 1007(c) of the City’s Home Rule Charter authorizes the Board of Contract and supply “[t]o make all contracts for purchase of materials, supplies, services, equipment and property on behalf of the city, the price or consideration of which shall exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), on the basis of sealed bids solicited through public advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in Providence, such bids to be submitted, opened and considered in accordance with rules and regulations approved by the board”, and

WHEREAS, Section 21-27 of the Code of Ordinances provides in relevant part that All contracts for purchase of materials, supplies, services, equipment and property on behalf of the city, the price of consideration of which shall exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) but amount to less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be made by the director of public property on the basis of three (3) or more informal competitive bids, which may be solicited without advertising, but which must be submitted in writing. Upon receipt of said informal bids any such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder among them. All such contracts made on behalf of the city, the price or consideration of which shall exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be made by the board of contract and supply on the basis of sealed bids solicited through public advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in Providence and in such other newspapers published outside the city as said board in its discretion may determine, such bids to be submitted, opened and considered in accordance with rules and regulations approved by the board, and

WHEREAS, On February 27, 2017, the City Council President signed a consulting agreement to engage Jeff Britt of Strategic Consulting Solutions to lobby on behalf of the Providence City Council during the 2017 legislative session, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Contract and Supply did not participate in the making of this contract, and

WHEREAS, No competitive bidding process took place, and

WHEREAS, The engagement agreement with the consultant states that it "shall commence effective as of January 1, 2017," and

WHEREAS, The City Council did not authorize the engagement until February 16, 2017,

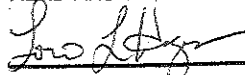
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, The City Council hereby requests that the City Council President bring the agreement with Mr. Britt and Strategic Consulting Solutions into compliance with the Code of Ordinances and Home Rule Charter by referring it to the Board of Contract and Supply for competitive bidding and/or justification of a sole source contract, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, The City Council respectfully asks the City Council President to explain the timing of the consultant's engagement and performance of his work with reference to February 16, 2017, the date on which the City Council approved the consultant's engagement.

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READ AND DENIED

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