



RESOLUTION NO. 23-40

RESOLUTION APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEGAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS AND CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Harris County Housing Authority and Attorney entered into an agreement on September 30, 2019, for the purpose of the Attorney providing *Legal Consulting Services for Real Estate Transactions and Construction Related Services* (Agreement). The original agreement resulted from the Attorney's response to Authority's Request for Proposal 19-04 (RFP 19-04") and having been awarded the contract. The original agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.


WHEREAS, the original agreement was modified for the first time through a Letter Agreement dated December 6, 2021. The purpose of the Letter Agreement was to memorialize and ratify actions taken by both parties beyond the original termination date. Specifically, that the Authority continued to request Services and Attorney continued to provide Services past the termination date of September 29, 2021. The Letter Agreement ratified the actions of the parties and extended the termination Date to September 29, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend the Agreement again through this Second Amendment, for the purpose of providing a short contract extension of the current Agreement with the Banks Law Firm. The extension will allow Attorney to complete specific task(s) on Development projects(s) that are currently underway, and wherein it has been determined by the Authority that it could be detrimental to the Authority's purpose to not allow the Attorney to complete the tasks or project(s) as outlined hereinbelow. Additionally, during this same extended contract period the Authority would complete its review of responses to its recently released RFP #23-04 for *Real Estate Transactions and Construction Related Service for the Harris County Housing Authority* and to select Bond Counsel(s) for the ensuing years(s) at the sole discretion of the Authority. For avoidance of doubt, it is the intent of the parties to set out with clarity in this Second Amendment the projects that the Banks Law Firm will continue to work through to completion and give the Authority the ability to continue with its current procurement effort to secure Bond Counsel(s) for the ensuing year(s) via RFP 23-04. Second Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Harris County Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its Executive Director, Melissa Quijano, to execute the Second Amendment to the Legal Consulting Services for Real Estate Transactions and Construction Related Services Agreement and now authorized by this resolution, and to execute attached Second Amendment and to take all other actions reasonably necessary or appropriate to implement this resolution and fulfill its purposes.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners on this 20th day of September 2023.

Chair: 
Gerald Womack

Secretary: 
Melissa Quijano