

August 27, 2025

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the City of Dallas to have a reliable means of receiving timely information regarding pending federal legislative actions related to surface transportation, water resources, flood control, and infrastructure that may impact the City; and

WHEREAS, Thorn Run Partners LLC provides the City with expert advice, assistance, and advocacy services to support the City Council's designated legislative objectives; and

WHEREAS, to effectively advance legislative initiatives in the areas of water resources and flood control, the City would benefit from having a dedicated liaison in Washington, D.C., with specialized expertise in these fields; and

WHEREAS, Paul Schlesinger of Thorn Run Partners LLC possesses extensive knowledge, experience, and contacts in the areas of water, infrastructure, flood control, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' projects; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2018, the City Council authorized a contract with Paul Schlesinger for FY 2018-19, by Resolution No. 18-1813; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2019, the City Council authorized a contract with Paul Schlesinger for FY 2019-20, by Resolution No. 19-1785; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2020, the City Council authorized a contract with Paul Schlesinger for FY 2020-21, by Resolution No. 20-1705; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2021, the City Council authorized a contract with Paul Schlesinger for FY 2021-22, by Resolution No. 21-1664; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2022, the City Council authorized a contract with Paul Schlesinger for FY 2022-23, by Resolution No. 22-1634; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2023, the City Council authorized a contract with Paul Schlesinger for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-2025, by Resolution No. 23-1399; and

WHEREAS, The Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs was briefed on the "Consideration of the Federal Lobbyist Contracts" on August 5, 2025.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

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SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with Thorn Run Partners, LLC, approved as to form by the City Attorney, for federal legislative consultant services for a term of two years in the amount of \$176,000.00, with one two-year renewal option in the amount of \$176,000.00, in a total not to exceed \$352,000.00.

SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$352,000.00 (subject to annual appropriations) to Thorn Run Partners, LLC (VC29575) from Service Contract No. OGA-2025-00028440.

Initial Term Years 1-2: \$176,000.00

Renewal Option: \$176,000.00

Years 3-4: Total: \$352,000.00

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.