

Introduced by: Mayor Henderson
Date: June 27, 2023
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL

Resolution # 23-15

THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE SELECTION, NEGOTIATION, AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENTAL FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE 4.20.170

WHEREAS, Bethel Municipal Code 4.20.170 allows the City Council to enter into contracts for consulting services to assist them in the performance of their duties without the necessity of following the formal procedures for procurement of services set forth in Chapter 4.20 Purchasing;

WHEREAS, the finance department's budget requests have increased significantly since Fiscal Year 2020, the request for personnel increased from eight employees with a budget of \$953,570 to 11 employees with a budget of \$1,461,695 requested in FY 2024, a 42% increase;

WHEREAS, in addition to the increase in the number of employees, the department has seen an increase in contract services from \$34,857 in Fiscal Year 2020 to a requested \$295,000 in Fiscal Year 2024;

WHEREAS, prior to fully funding the requests, and considering the turnover within the Department, the Council finds it necessary to utilize professional, support to assist them in determining the resources required to operate the Department;

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council seeks services from a contractor that will work with finance staff to collaboratively identify ways to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Finance Department's functions, develop policies and procedures, structure, and identify ways the City can better serve residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the proposed contractor, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), is in position to utilize financial accounting, auditing, and reporting best practices standards for state and local governments that GFOA developed and has guided local governments through the process of


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assessing current systems, understanding the vendor marketplace, facilitating procurement, and providing detailed analysis and associated action plans to strengthen operations;

WHEREAS, with the goal of improved Finance Department outcomes and long-term sustainability, GFOA will provide an organizational assessment, process review, and action plan covering policy, process, technology, structure, and staffing recommendations to improve the finance department.


NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Bethel City Council authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Governmental Finance Officers Association, to provide consulting services to the City Council to assess the functions of the Finance Department and make recommendations for effectiveness and efficiency improvements.

ENACTED THIS 27 DAY OF JUNE 2023 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.


Rose Henderson, Mayor



ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk