

December 13, 2017

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the City to have reliable means of receiving information regarding pending federal legislative and executive action which may impact the City; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2012, City Council authorized a professional services contract with CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC, to provide federal legislative services to the City for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000, by Resolution No. 12-2749; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2013, City Council authorized a professional services contract with CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC, to provide federal legislative services to the City for the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000, by Resolution No. 13-1837; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2014, City Council authorized a professional services contract with CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC, to provide federal legislative services to the City for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000, by Resolution No. 14-1802; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2015, City Council authorized a professional services contract with CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC, to provide federal legislative services to the City for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000, by Resolution No. 15-1947; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2016, City Council authorized a professional services contract with CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC, to provide federal legislative services to the City for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000, by Resolution No. 16-1745; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2017, Administrative Action No. 17-6661 authorized an extension to the personal services contract with CapitalEdge Strategies for an additional 91 days from October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas with the participation of the cities of Arlington, Austin and Denton comprise the Texas Cities Legislative Coalition (TCLC); and

WHEREAS, CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC monitors federal legislation impacting the cities and works with the Texas Congressional delegation and the Executive Branch to advance City interests and priorities; and

WHEREAS, CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC works closely with national municipal organizations, including the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the International City/County Management Association, and others to make sure they are aware of the City's positions and agendas; and

WHEREAS, CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC makes presentations to Council members during the meetings of the National League of Cities as well as at any other time requested by the City; and

WHEREAS, CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC provides supplemental information necessary to understanding the effects and impacts of federal legislation and regulations; and

WHEREAS, CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC also provides timely information about government grant programs, frequently based on personal contact with federal program managers, and directly sends information to appropriate staff to facilitate Dallas funding applications.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign a professional services contract with CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC, approved as to form by the City Attorney, to provide federal legislative services to the City for the period January 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$120,109.59.

SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make periodic payments in accordance with the terms of the contract, in an amount not to exceed \$120,109.59 to CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC from General Fund, Fund 0001, Department BMS, Unit 1978, Object 3070, Commodity 91858, Encumbrance/Contract No. MGT-2018-00004686, Vendor VC0000008080.

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.

