



## Legislation Text

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### **State Lobbying and Advocacy Services for the City of Gainesville and Gainesville Regional Utilities (B)**

On October 1, 2017, the City retained the services of Peebles, Smith and Matthews, Inc. for state lobbying and advocacy services in Tallahassee, FL, in connection with matters concerning the City on behalf of its General Government and its Utility. The current agreement for State of Florida lobbying and advocacy services will end on September 30, 2020.

The consultant provides lobbying and advocacy services and monitors important legislative matters that could affect the city in areas of housing, utilities, water projects, economic redevelopment, transportation, and other areas. Staff believes it is in the best interest of the City to renew the contract for one more additional year; the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Consultant services not-to-exceed \$36,000 or 50% of annual contract for the City's General Government; and a maximum amount not-to-exceed \$36,000 or 50% of annual contract for Gainesville Regional Utilities, for a combined maximum amount not to exceed \$72,000. Approved travel costs shall be billed monthly and shall not exceed three (3) percent of the total contract. Funding has been identified in the Proposed FY 2021 Budget by General Government and its Utility.

The City Commission renew the contract with Peebles, Smith and Matthews, Inc. for fiscal year 2021 and authorize the City Manager and General Manager to execute the amendment, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.