Monroe County Clerk of the Legislature

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David Grant
Deputy Clerk

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media

FROM:

David Grant, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

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DATE:

January 19, 2018

RE:

Matters of Importance - File Nos. 18-0047 - 18-0048

18-0047

Authorize Additional Projects to the Approved Passenger Facility
Charge Program at the Greater Rochester International Airport – As
a Matter of Importance – County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo

18-0048

Authorize a Contract with Park Strategies, LLC for Lobbying Services – As a Matter of Importance – County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo

These referrals were not made to committee at the preceding meeting of the Legislature on January 9, 2018, but have been determined by President Dr. Joe Carbone to be of sufficient importance to warrant referral between Legislative meetings, pursuant to Section 545-24 (C) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachments:



Office of the County Executive

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Cheryl Dinolfo
County Executive

January 17, 2018

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To The Honorable Monroe County Legislature 407 County Office Building Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize Additional Projects to the Approved Passenger Facility Charge Program at the Greater Rochester International Airport

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize eleven (11) additional projects to the approved Passenger Facility Charge Program at the Greater Rochester International Airport, as designated by the Monroe County Airport Authority to enhance capacity, safety, and security of the Airport.

Monroe County has pledged an effort to obtain the maximum financial assistance for improvements at the Airport. Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs) are user fees collected from eligible enplaned passengers utilizing the Greater Rochester International Airport. The Monroe County Airport Authority, by Resolution No. 3 dated February 13, 2013, authorized the continuation of the collection of a \$4.50 Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) on eligible enplaned passengers at the Airport in accordance with Federal Law. The Resolution also authorized the collection and expenditure of the PFC funds on certain projects, all subject to approval by the FAA pursuant to applications submitted by the Authority.

It is anticipated that the Monroe County Airport Authority will adopt a resolution at their meeting scheduled for January 24, 2018, authorizing the Interim Director of Aviation to file a new application with the Federal Aviation Administration authorizing the continuation of the imposition of a \$4.50 PFC, and the expenditure of revenues from the PFC at the Greater Rochester International Airport to be expended for reimbursement of funds for future capital expenditures and financing costs related to the following projects:

- 1. Taxiway C Rehabilitation
- 2. Snow Removal Equipment
- 3. Equipment Glycol Recovery Vehicle
- 4. Upgrade Runway Weather Information System
- 5. Security System Migration
- 6. Construct New Snow Removal Equipment Building
- 7. Passenger Loading Bridges
- 8. Terminal Rehabilitation
- 9. Airport Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) Protective Equipment
- 10. Terminal Entrance Canopy
- 11. PFC Consulting Services

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The specific legislative action required is to authorize eleven (11) additional projects to the approved Passenger Facility Charge Program at the Greater Rochester International Airport. The eleven (11) additional projects designated by the Monroe County Airport Authority to enhance capacity, safety, and security of the Airport, are as follows:

- 1. Taxiway C Rehabilitation
- 2. Snow Removal Equipment
- 3. Equipment Glycol Recovery Vehicle
- 4. Upgrade Runway Weather Information System
- 5. Security System Migration
- 6. Construct New Snow Removal Equipment Building
- 7. Passenger Loading Bridges
- 8. Terminal Rehabilitation
- 9. Airport Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) Protective Equipment
- 10. Terminal Entrance Canopy
- 11. PFC Consulting Services

Environmental assessments were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

Funding for these projects, consistent with authorized uses, is included in various capital funds and any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Cheryl/Dinolfo

Monroe County Executive

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MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Cheryl Dinolfo
County Executive

January 17, 2018

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To The Honorable Monroe County Legislature 407 County Office Building Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize a Contract with Park Strategies, LLC for Lobbying Services

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with Park Strategies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, for lobbying services related to New York State government, for the period of February 13, 2018 through February 12, 2019, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 per year.

Monroe County is involved in a wide range of State-related issues, and like many other municipalities, we believe it both practical and prudent to engage a reputable lobbying firm to represent Monroe County interests. Park Strategies, LLC is an experienced firm, with knowledgeable staff who can assist County officials with issues such as regulatory matters, requests for State legislation or funding, and ensuring that these issues are presented to the appropriate legislators and State officials. While members of the local State delegation are generally accessible, on occasion it is necessary to provide them with additional support through a lobbyist. Staff from Park Strategies, LLC will also be of assistance when it is necessary to engage legislators or other State officials with whom we do not regularly interact.

A request for qualifications for state lobbying services was issued with Park Strategies, LLC selected as the most qualified to perform these services.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with Park Strategies, LLC, 125 State Street, Second Floor, Albany, New York 12207, for lobbying services related to New York State government, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, for the period of February 13, 2018 through February 12, 2019, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 per year.

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Environmental assessments were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

Funding for this contract is included in the 2018 operating budget of the Monroe County Law Department, general fund 9001, funds center 1601010000, Law Administration, and will be requested in future years' budgets. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Park Strategies, LLC, nor any of its principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the firm are:

Hon. Alfonse D'Amato, Founder and Managing Partner
Christopher D'Amato, Executive Vice President, Partner and General Counsel
Greg Serio, Partner and Managing Director
Dave Poleto, Partner and Managing Director
Kraig Siracuse, Partner and Managing Director
Armand D'Amato, Partner and Managing Director

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Dinolfo

Monroe County Executive

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