

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2022-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DIANNE BLUMER, BLUMER & ASSOCIATES, FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM

WHEREAS, the Unalaska City Council has determined it is beneficial to the City of Unalaska to retain a lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, the existing Professional Services Agreement with Dianne Blumer of Blumer & Associates, will expire on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska wishes to retain Dianne Blumer to perform the duties of Lobbyist as directed by the City of Unalaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council authorizes the City Manager to extend the Professional Services Agreement with Dianne Blumer, Blumer & Associates, for an additional term, effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, for a fee of \$71,000 plus reasonable expenses.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on June 28, 2022.

Vincent M. Tutiakoff Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk

MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Michelle Price, Administrative Coordinator
Through: Chris Hladick, City Manager
Date: June 28, 2022
Re: Resolution 2022-28: Authorizing the City Manager to extend the term of the Professional Services Agreement with Dianne Blumer of Blumer & Associates for an additional term

SUMMARY: State lobbyist Dianne Blumer’s contract with the City expires on June 30, 2022. Ms. Blumer submitted a letter of interest to the City Manager, expressing her interest to renew her contract (copy attached). Resolution 2022-28 authorizes the City Manager to extend the term of the agreement for an additional term. Staff recommends approval.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council adopted Resolution 2021-40 on June 8, 2021, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services agreement contract for FY22 in the amount of \$71,000 plus reasonable expenses. Council budgeted \$71,000 for state lobbyist fees for FY23.

BACKGROUND: Dianne Blumer has been the City Council’s lobbyist for state affairs since FY19 after Ray Gillespie’s retirement. The table below provides a history of compensation rates for Dianne Blumer from FY19 to present.

YEAR	FEES	EXPENSES	TOTAL
FY19	\$ 71,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 71,000.00
FY20	\$ 71,000.00	\$1,602.08	\$ 72,602.08
FY21	\$ 71,000.00	\$0	\$ 71,000.00
FY22	\$ 71,000.00	\$1206	\$ 72,206.00
TOTAL	\$ 284,000.00	\$2,808.08	\$ 286,808.08

DISCUSSION: Ms. Blumer’s letter states that she is interested in continuing her services for the next fiscal year. She has not requested an increase in her retainer.

ALTERNATIVES: Council could renew the lobbying contract at the current level, recommend an increase to the base compensation rate or a cost of living increase, or not enter into a lobbying agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: This expense is included in the FY23 budget for \$71,000, plus reimbursement for reasonable expenses.

LEGAL: None needed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This is ultimately a Council decision, but staff recommends approval.

PROPOSED MOTION: This item is included on the Consent Agenda and will be included in the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. If the resolution is moved to the regular agenda for discussion, the proposed motion would be to Adopt Resolution 2022-28.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: I concur with the Staff recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter of interest from Dianne Blumer dated April 7, 2022
- Proposed Modification of Professional Services Agreement



Dianne Blumer

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April 7, 2022

Mayor Vince Tutiakoff
City of Unalaska
PO Box 610
Unalaska, Alaska 99865

Subject: Letter of Interest for FY 2022 Lobbying Services

Dear Mayor Tutiakoff:

Navigate AK (dba Blumer & Associates) is pleased to offer this Letter of Interest for consideration of the FY2022 lobbying contract representing the City of Unalaska.

It has been my distinct privilege to work with you, the City Manager, City Council and staff over the last year. It definitely has been an engaging, challenging and unique year as we have worked through some of the most perplexing legislative sessions I have experienced. I would be honored to continue to work on the list of priorities important to the community and prepare to advocate adamantly next year to bring those key projects to the forefront for consideration.

As the Principal of Navigate AK I personally offer over fifteen years of combined experience with the Alaska State Legislature and twenty eight years with the Executive Branch, including recent direct advocacy on behalf of local governmental clients. I maintain a solid relationship with the Governor and his Cabinet, as well as a bi-partisan relationship with the House and Senate members, including leadership on both sides of the aisle.

I am well versed in the history, legislative goals, priorities, and role of local government. I have provided governmental affairs and lobbying services to the Alaska Municipal League and other cities over the last several years. On many occasions I have presented to various municipals/cities in relation to governmental and legislative matters.

Navigate AK possess the bipartisan professional relationships to ensure that your priorities and concerns are well represented and advocated for ensuring they will be heard and acted upon. I am fluent in local government priorities and resolutions on key

legislative issues. I have had the pleasure of serving the City of Unalaska over the last four years and am familiar with many of the local issues and key objectives.

In addition to advocating on various cities independent capital requests, I have supported statewide local government matters in the legislature including, but not limited to; the PERS/TRS employer contribution rate, community assistance / revenue sharing, shared fish tax, school bond debt reimbursement ,supported maximum local control including multiple pieces of legislation, multiple budget appropriations, and pushback against cost shifting.

I offer integrity, professionalism, familiarity with process, and the bipartisan relationships required to successfully represent the City of Unalaska.

My work history includes, Independent Lobbying, Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor in the legislature, executive level management positions in the Administration, including a Cabinet- level appointment by the Governor as the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development.

In addition to the lobbying, professional experience, recent executive branch and legislative experience, I have strong relationships with bipartisan contacts. My office maintains a manageable workload allowing for personalized service.

Sincerely,


Dianne Blumer

Navigate AK

**MODIFICATION OF
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This modification is made to that certain agreement dated June 8, 2021, between the City of Unalaska (hereinafter designated as "City") and Blumer & Associates, hereinafter designated as "Consultant". The Professional Services Agreement is modified as follows:

1. The Agreement is extended for an additional term effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
2. The total payment under this Agreement shall not exceed \$71,000, plus reasonable expenses.
3. Payment for services to Consultant shall be as follows:

DATE	AMOUNT
July 1, 2022	\$1775.00
August 1, 2022	\$1775.00
September 1, 2022	\$1775.00
October 1, 2022	\$1775.00
November 1, 2022	\$1775.00
December 1, 2022	\$1775.00
January 1, 2023	\$14,200.00
February 1, 2023	\$14,200.00
March 1, 2023	\$14,200.00
April 1, 2023	\$14,200.00
May 1, 2023	\$1775.00
June 1, 2023	\$1775.00
TOTAL	\$71,000

CITY OF UNALASKA

BLUMER & ASSOCIATES

Marjie Veeder, Acting City Manager

Dianne Blumer

STATE OF ALASKA)
) ss.
Municipality of Unalaska)

STATE OF ALASKA)
) ss.
_____Judicial District)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of June 2022 by Marjie Veeder, Acting City Manager for the City of Unalaska, a First Class Alaska Municipal Corporation, on behalf of the City of Unalaska.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of June 2022, by Dianne Blumer on behalf of Blumer & Associates.

Notary Public, State of Alaska
Commission expires _____

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