***THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCGUIRE AND SECONDED FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZUCKERMAN***

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO EXECUTE**

**A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND RICHARD C. LAMBERT CONSULTANTS, LLC, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

**WHEREAS,** the City desires to enter into an “as needed when needed” professional services agreement with Richard C. Lambert Consultants, LLC for professional services, and more specifically, emergency management consulting services to the City in connection with its efforts to prepare for respond and recover from any emergency or disaster which may affect the citizens and their property and the infrastructure of the city; and

**WHEREAS** , the city is in need of a well-defined, updated, complete, and comprehensive emergency management plan customized to the city’s needs that defines critical roles and responsibilities to effectively manage the emergency and maintain business continuity; and

**WHEREAS**, having an emergency management plan in place is critical to the safety and security of city employees, contractors, visitors and responding agencies; and the implementation of an integrated emergency response plan will reduce confusion, provide coordinated efforts to keep city personnel and residents safe and informed, minimize damages and financial impact, and help maintain business continuity; and

**WHEREAS**, it would benefit the city to have a multidisciplinary, experienced team of experts, under an “as needed when needed” contract, to provide crisis and emergency response planning and training, to assist in recovery efforts to ensure the city has resources necessary to effectively handle worst case scenario emergencies, with compliance and problem resolution experience to assist with issues or appeals involving FEMA Public Assistance policies.

**WHEREAS**, the contract is attached and made a part of this Resolution; and

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Mandeville, hereby authorizes and empowers the Mayor of the City to execute a professional services agreement with Richard C. Lambert Consultants, LLC for emergency management consulting services for the City in connection with its efforts to prepare for, respond and recover from any emergency or disaster.

With the above resolution having been properly introduced and duly seconded, the vote was as follows:

 AYES: 3 ( Zuckerman, McGuire, Danielson)

 NAYS: 1 (Kreller)

 ABSTENTIONS: 0

 ABSENT: 1 (Bush)

and the resolution was declared adopted this 27th day of May, 2021.

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Kristine Scherer Rick Danielson

Clerk of Council Council Chairman