

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2026-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROBERTSON, MONAGLE, & EASTAUGH LLC FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM

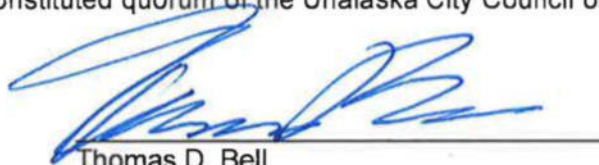
WHEREAS, the Unalaska City Council has determined it is beneficial to the City of Unalaska to retain a lobbyist in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the existing Professional Services Agreement with Robertson, Monagle, & Eastaugh LLC, expires on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska wishes to retain Robertson, Monagle, & Eastaugh LLC 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 Interim City Manager to extend the Professional Services Agreement with Robertson, Monagle, & Eastaugh LLC for an additional term, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for a fee of \$82,600 plus reasonable expenses.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on June 9, 2026.



Thomas D. Bell
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Estkarien P. Magdaong, CMC
City Clerk



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Abner Hoage, Interim City Manager
Date: June 9, 2026
Re: Resolution 2026-32: Authorizing the Interim City Manager to extend the term of the Professional Services Agreement with Robertson, Monagle, & Eastaugh LLC for an additional term

SUMMARY: The City Council's agreement with Robertson, Monagle, & Eastaugh LLC (RM&E) for federal lobbying services expires on June 30, 2026. Mr. Sebastian O'Kelly submitted a letter of interest on April 8, 2026, offering to continue providing federal lobbying services for FY27 at the same rate as the current year. Resolution 2026-32 authorizes the Interim City Manager to extend the Professional Services Agreement with RM&E for an additional one-year term. Staff recommends approval.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council adopted Resolution 2025-39 on June 10, 2025, authorizing a contract with RM&E for FY26 in the amount of \$82,600 plus reasonable expenses. The proposed FY27 budget includes the same amount for federal lobbying services, along with an allocation for reasonable expenses.

BACKGROUND: Robertson, Monagle, & Eastaugh LLC has represented the City of Unalaska in Washington, D.C. for more than two decades. Mr. O'Kelly, a partner and co-owner of the firm, has worked with the City for 22 years, alongside former partner Brad Gilman and, more recently, Rick Marks. Their long-standing relationship with the City has provided continuity, institutional knowledge, and effective advocacy on federal issues affecting Unalaska.

RM&E has supported the City through numerous federal initiatives, including infrastructure funding, fisheries policy, transportation issues, and agency engagement. Their deep understanding of Unalaska's priorities and their established relationships within Congress and federal agencies continue to provide significant value to the community.

The table below summarizes the history of compensation for federal lobbying services from FY96 through FY26:

YEAR	FEES	EXPENSES	TOTAL
FY96	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 556.00	\$ 41,056.00
FY97	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 521.61	\$ 54,521.61
FY98	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 769.77	\$ 54,769.77
FY99	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 2,479.75	\$ 56,479.75
FY00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 190.77	\$ 60,190.77
FY01	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00
FY02	\$ 72,000.00	\$ -	\$ 72,000.00
FY03	\$ 72,000.00	\$ -	\$ 72,000.00

FY04	\$ 74,000.00	\$ -	\$ 74,000.00
FY05	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY06	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY07	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY08	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY09	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY10	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY11	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY12	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY13	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY14	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY15	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY16	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY17	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 2,112.90	\$ 78,112.90
FY18	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY19	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY20	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY21	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY22	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY23	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY24	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY25	\$ 76,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,000.00
FY26	\$ 82,600.00	\$ -	\$ 82,600.00
TOTAL	\$2,219,100.00	\$ 6,630.80	\$ \$2,225,730.80

DISCUSSION: Mr. O’Kelly’s letter of interest confirms RM&E’s desire to continue representing the City for FY27. He has not requested an increase in the retainer, and the proposed contract extension maintains the existing annual rate of \$82,600 plus reasonable expenses.

Given RM&E’s long-standing service, strong performance, and deep familiarity with Unalaska’s federal priorities, extending the agreement for an additional term is in the City’s best interest.

ALTERNATIVES: Council may:

- Renew the lobbying contract at the current level (recommended)
- Recommend an increase or decrease in the fee
- Decline to enter into a lobbying agreement

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The FY27 budget includes \$82,600 for federal lobbying services, along with an amount for reasonable expenses. No budget adjustment is required.

LEGAL: None needed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2026-32

PROPOSED MOTION: This item is included on the Consent Agenda and will be included in the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. If the item is moved to the Regular Agenda for discussion, the suggested motion is to move to adopt Resolution 2026-32.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter of Interest – RM&E LLC
- Modification of PSA – RM&E LLC

Robertson, Monagle, & Eastaugh LLC

April 8, 2026

Abner Hoage, Interim City Manager
City of Unalaska
Box 610
Unalaska, AK 99685

Dear Abner:

By this letter, we would like to offer the services of Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh LLC to the City of Unalaska for the coming fiscal year to continue to represent the City in Washington, D.C. on Federal issues.

We are proposing \$6,883.33 for the monthly retainer – the same amount that has been in place for the past year.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sebastian O'Kelly", written over a horizontal line.

Sebastian O'Kelly
Partner
Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh LLC
9312 Elmhirst Drive
Bethesda, MD 20814

Cc: Rick Marks, Partner

