

RESOLUTION NO. 14-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING THE LAW FIRM OF JOHNSON, ANSELMO, MURDOCH, BURKE, PIPER & HOCHMAN, P.A., AS SPECIAL COUNSEL, TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE IN CONNECTION WITH LITIGATION AND LEGAL CHALLENGES COMMENCED AND PERPETUATED BY ARNOLD ABBOTT, LOVE THY NEIGHBOR FUND, INC., REVEREND MARK SIMS, AND PASTOR DWAYNE BLACK, AND POTENTIALLY OTHERS, PENDING IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS, ARISING FROM, AND RELATED TO, CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE'S LAND USE AND ZONING ORDINANCES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CITY ORDINANCE C-14-42

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to appoint the law firm of Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & Hochman, P.A., as special counsel, to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with litigation and legal challenges commenced and perpetuated by Arnold Abbott, Love Thy Neighbor Fund, Inc., Reverend Mark Sims, and Pastor Dwayne Black, and potentially others, pending in State and Federal Courts, arising from, and related to, City of Fort Lauderdale's land use and zoning ordinances, including but not limited to, City Ordinance C-14-42; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the law firm of Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & Hochman, P.A., is hereby appointed as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with litigation and legal challenges commenced and perpetuated by Arnold Abbott, Love Thy Neighbor Fund, Inc., Reverend Mark Sims, and Pastor Dwayne Black, and potentially others, pending in State and Federal Courts, arising from, and related to, City of Fort Lauderdale's land use and zoning ordinances, including but not limited to, City Ordinance C-14-42.

SECTION 2. That such Special Counsel shall be compensated for such services beginning in December of 2014, at the hourly rates (plus costs) of \$195.00 per hour for attorneys; and \$100.00 per hour for paralegals; to be paid upon periodic invoices submitted and upon approval by the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. That such special counsel hereby appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH

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