

RESOLUTION NO. 17-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING THE LAW FIRMS OF HALICZER, PETTIS & SCHWAMM, P.A., NABORS GIBLIN & NICKERSON, P.A., KIM, VAUGHAN, LERNER, LLP, AND MARTIN, LISTER & ALVAREZ, PLC, AND REAPPOINTING THE LAW FIRMS OF BILLING, COCHRAN, LYLES, MAURO & RAMSEY, P.A., FORMERLY KNOWN AS BILLING, COCHRAN, HEATH, LYLES, MAURO & ANDERSON, P.A., AND MCINTOSH SCHWARTZ, P.L., TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS, PRESCRIBING HOURLY RATES OF PAY FOR SUCH LEGAL SERVICES, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBERS 06-114 AND 11-91, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 06-114, the City Commission appointed Billing, Cochran, Heath, Lyles, Mauro & Anderson, P.A., as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale, establishing an attorney hourly rate of \$140.00, effective July 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 11-91, the City Commission appointed McIntosh Schwartz, P.L., as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale, establishing an attorney hourly rate of \$140.00 for non-appellate legal services and an attorney hourly rate of \$160.00 for appellate legal services, effective April 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.10 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, provides, in part, that “[t]he city commission may, by resolution, authorize one (1) or more special counsel to be retained for the purpose of performing such legal duties as may be prescribed by said resolution. Each such resolution shall further prescribe the compensation to be paid the special counsel.”

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

SECTION 1. That Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., Nabors Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., Kim Vaughan, Lerner, LLP and Martin, Lister & Alvarez, PLC are appointed, and Billing, Cochran,

Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, P.A., formerly known as Billing, Cochran, Heath, Lyles, Mauro & Anderson, P.A., and McIntosh Schwartz, P.L., are reappointed, as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with general liability claims and related litigation and appeals.

SECTION 2. That Billing, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro and Ramsey, P.A., formerly known as Billing, Cochran, Heath, Lyles, Mauro & Anderson, P.A., Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., McIntosh Schwartz, P.L., Nabors Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., Kim Vaughan Lerner, LLP and Martin Lister & Alvarez, PLC, shall be paid for legal services provided in connection with matters assigned after the effective date of this Resolution at an hourly rate of \$225.00 for partner level attorneys, \$150.00 for associate attorneys, and \$95.00 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney’s approval.

SECTION 3. That Billing, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro and Ramsey, P.A., formerly known as Billing, Cochran, Heath, Lyles, Mauro & Anderson, P.A., and McIntosh Schwartz, P.L., shall be paid at the hourly rate of \$140.00 per hour for legal services in connection with matters assigned prior to the effective date of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. That the City Attorney shall serve as liaison with all such special counsel.

SECTION 5. That Resolution Nos. 06-114 and 11-91 are rescinded.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Mayor  
JOHN P. “JACK” SEILER

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI