

RESOLUTION NO. 24-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING RIA N. CHATTERGOON, ESQUIRE OF THE LAW FIRM OF RC LAW GROUP, TO ACT AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF A COMPLAINT REGARDING AN ALLEGED INCIDENT AT THE JANUARY 9, 2024 CITY COMMISSION MEETING, PRESCRIBING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO SUCH SPECIAL COUNSEL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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," and

WHEREAS, Section 1-19(6) of the Broward County Code of Ordinance provides that "Elected Officials shall not be included as members on any Selection/Evaluation Committee and shall not participate or interfere in any manner at Committee meetings", however, that Section specifically states that this prohibition does not apply to the hiring or contractual procurement, in lieu of hiring of individuals who report directly to the local governing body; and

WHEREAS, Ria N. Chattergoon, Esquire, of the law firm of RC Law Group, will directly report to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to appoint Ria N. Chattergoon, Esquire, of the law firm of RC Law Group, as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with the investigation of a complaint regarding an alleged incident at the January 9, 2024 City Commission meeting ("Incident"), subject to certain terms and conditions;

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

SECTION 1. That Ria N. Chattergoon, Esquire, of the law firm of RC Law Group is hereby appointed as special counsel for the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with the investigation of the Incident, as described in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. That Ria N. Chattergoon, Esquire, of the law firm of RC Law Group shall be compensated for such services after the effective date of this Resolution, at the hourly rate of

\$350.00 per hour, to be paid upon submission of periodic invoices to and approval by the City Attorney.

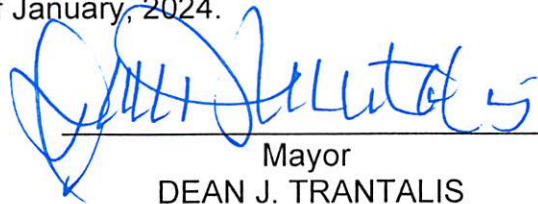
SECTION 3. That the City Attorney shall serve as liaison to such special counsel.

SECTION 4. That such special counsel hereby appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

SECTION 5. That the City Attorney is authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to secure the services of special counsel.


SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of January, 2024.



Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN


Dean J. Trantalis Nay

John C. Herbst Yea

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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Steven Glassman Abstain

Pamela Beasley-Pittman Yea



City Attorney
THOMAS J. ANSBRO

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