

RESOLUTION NO. 15-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING LEWIS, LONGMAN & WALKER, P.A., TO BE RETAINED AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR RETIREMENT AND PENSION MATTERS, AND PRESCRIBING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID FOR SUCH LEGAL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, James W. Linn, Esquire, of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., has been used as an expert witness in City retirement and pension issues by Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A., the City's special counsel for collective bargaining negotiations and other labor and employment matters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linn's expertise is required pertaining to the General Employees Retirement System and ongoing work performed in evaluating the City's retirement program, as well as preparing pension documents and amendments;

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 10-339, the City Commission appointed and retained Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. to be special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale for retirement and pension matters at the rate of \$250.00 per hour, plus actual reasonable expenses, subject to the City Attorney's approval; and

WHEREAS, Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. has requested an increase in fees over that which was approved under Resolution No. 10-339;

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

SECTION 1. That Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., is retained as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale at the rate of \$285.00 per hour for James W. Linn, Esq. and Glenn Thomas, Esq., with the hourly rate for attorneys who work with James W. Linn and Glenn Thomas to range from \$175.00 to \$250.00 per hour and an hourly rate for paralegals and law clerks ranging from \$120.00 to \$175.00 per hour, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval, for retirement and pension matters, effective March 17, 2015.

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ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH

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