



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#15-0338

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Cynthia A. Everett, City Attorney

DATE: March 17, 2015

TITLE: Increase in fees for Special Counsel – Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 10-339 by increasing the fees to Special Counsel – Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.

Background

Lewis, Longman & Walker have provided the City with legal advice and counsel in connection with pension matters since 2007. On December 7, 2010 the City Commission adopted a Resolution appointing Lewis, Longman & Walker as Special Counsel to the City for retirement and pension issues. The Resolution provided for fees at the rate of \$250.00 per hour. Special Counsel is now requesting that those fees be increased from \$250.00 per hour to \$285.00 per hour for lead counsel, Jim Linn, Esq. and Glenn Thomas, Esq. and for attorneys who work with them in an hourly range of \$175.00 to \$250.00 and to provide hourly rates for paralegals and law clerks ranging from \$120.00 to \$175.00. The increase in fees would be effective upon the date the Resolution is adopted.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact associated with this action up to \$15,000. Funding is available in the table below.

<i>Funds available as of March 9, 2015</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
001-HRD020101-3119	Employee Relations	Services-Materials/Legal Services	\$239,200.00	\$84,028.00	\$15,000.00
				TOTAL →	\$15,000.00

Attachments

- Exhibit 1 - Commission Agenda Report 10-1703
- Exhibit 2 - Resolution No. 10-339
- Exhibit 3 - 01/23/2015 Correspondence from James W. Linn
- Exhibit 4 - Proposed Resolution

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