## **RESOLUTION NO. 23-156**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 20-176 AND APPOINTING THE LAW FIRM OF BILZIN SUMBERG, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE IN CONNECTION WITH COMPLEX REAL ESTATE MATTERS, 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, on October 6, 2020, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 20-176, which appointed Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., as Special Counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for complex real estate matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to repeal Resolution No. 20-176 and to appoint the law firm of Bilzin Sumberg, as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with complex real estate matters.

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

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That Resolution No. 20-176 of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is hereby repealed.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. That the law firm of Bilzin Sumberg, is hereby appointed as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with complex real estate matters.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. That the law firm of Bilzin Sumberg shall be compensated for such services assigned after the effective date of this Resolution, at the hourly rates of \$450.00 per hour for partners, \$225.00 per hour for associates, and \$95.00 per hour for paralegals, to be paid upon the submission of periodic invoices to and approval by the City Attorney.

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

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That such special counsel hereby appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the SECTION 5. City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

SECTION 6. That the City Attorney is authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to secure the services of special counsel.

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. SECTION 7.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of August, 2023.

**DEAN J. TRANTALIS** 

ATTEST:

City Clerk

DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

AND CORRECTNESS:

Interim City Attorney

D'WAYNE M. SPENCE

Dean J. Trantalis

John C. Herbst

Yea

Yea

Steven Glassman

Yea

Pamela Beasley-Pittman

Yea

Warren Sturman

Yea