



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0648

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

FROM: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney

DATE: July 5, 2023

TITLE: Resolution appointing the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, P.A. as
Special Counsel in connection with Financing for the Design and
Construction of the New Federal Courthouse Parking Garage –
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends the City Commission approve a Resolution appointing the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, P.A. to serve as Special Counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in connection with financing for the design and construction of the Federal Courthouse Parking Structure.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale is designing and constructing a Parking Garage in connection with the construction of the new Federal Courthouse. The Parking Garage would be located on the site owned by the United State of America but leased to the City for no less than 22 years. The City would manage and operate the Garage and would receive all revenue from operations through the end of the Lease Term. Notwithstanding its location, the Parking Garage would be open to the public but the City may also issue parking permits for federal employees.

There are potential tax law issues that affects how the proceeds of these financings can be used. Due to their extensive knowledge of municipal financing related to tax laws and exempt versus taxable financing, the City Attorney's office recommends retaining the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, P.A. The fee for Special Counsel is \$35,000.00 plus \$2,500 for third party costs and expenses and is contingent on closing on the construction financing.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Resolution

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