

RESOLUTION NO. 14-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 14-23, TO INCREASE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEES AND COSTS AUTHORIZED TO BE PAID TO THE LAW FIRM OF BAKER, DONELSON, BEARMAN, CALDWELL & BERKOWITZ, PC, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL, REPRESENTING THE CITY IN ITS ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OF FEMA'S DEOBLIGATION OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR COSTS TO REMOVE DEBRIS IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANES KATRINA AND WILMA.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 14-23, adopted on February 4, 2014, the City Commission appointed the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, as special counsel in connection with the City's administrative appeal of FEMA's recent deobligation of approximately \$10 Million Dollars in disaster assistance previously provided by FEMA to the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, through Florida's Division of Emergency Management, for costs incurred to remove debris in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has determined that it is necessary to amend Resolution No. 14-23 to increase the amount of fees authorized to be paid to the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, as special counsel with regards to the City's administrative appeal of FEMA's deobligation of disaster assistance previously provided by FEMA;

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

SECTION 1. That such Special Counsel shall be compensated for such services beginning in 2014 at the hourly rates (plus costs) of \$450 per hour for Ernest B. Abbott, of counsel; \$300 to \$600 per hour for shareholders; \$200 to \$300 per hour for associates; \$100 to \$195 per hour for paralegals; and, \$120 per hour for legal assistants, to be paid upon periodic invoices submitted and upon approval by the City Attorney, with fees and costs not to exceed Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars without further approval by the City Commission.

SECTION 2. That such special counsel hereby appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of October, 2014.

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH