

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING THE LAW FIRM OF BILZIN SUMBERG, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL, TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW CITY HALL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 4.10 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, provides, in part, that "the 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 May 15, 2025, Meridiam Infrastructure North America submitted an unsolicited proposal to design, finance, construct, operate, and maintain a new City Hall for the City of Fort Lauderdale under a public-private partnership (P3) model; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2025, the City Commission approved Resolution No. 25-96, formally issuing notice of its intent to enter into a comprehensive agreement with Meridiam and opening a 60-day competition period for alternative proposals in accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City received six proposals for the design, financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of a new City Hall in response to the solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to appoint a law firm with expertise in the public private partnership model and other areas of the law related to design, construction, operation and maintenance of public improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's office finds that Bilzin Sumberg has the required expertise and recommends that the City retain Bilzin Sumberg, as special counsel, to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with the construction of the new City Hall.

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

SECTION 1. That the law firm of Bilzin Sumberg is hereby appointed as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with construction of the new City Hall, but such representation shall exclude legal matters related to public financing for the new City Hall. In addition, notwithstanding Resolution No. 23-156, the scope of services and fee arrangement set forth in this Resolution shall control as to legal matters related to the new City Hall.

SECTION 2. That the law firm of Bilzin Sumberg shall be compensated for such services assigned after the effective date of this Resolution, at the hourly rate of \$715.00 for partners and associates together with reimbursement for reasonable third-party expenses to be paid upon the submission of periodic invoices to and approval by the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. That the City Attorney shall serve as liaison to such special counsel.

SECTION 4. That special counsel hereby appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

SECTION 5. That the City Attorney is authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to secure the services of special counsel. Retention of this law firm is subject to the City Attorney's waiver of conflicts of interest as described in Section 1 of Resolution No. 04-55, after notice of such impending waiver is provided to members of the City Commission at least 10 days in advance of the waiver being granted and provided no member of the City Commission raises an objection.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

Interim City Attorney
D'WAYNE M. SPENCE

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