



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#19-1112**

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

**FROM:** Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

**DATE:** November 5, 2019

**TITLE:** Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Appointing Meredyth Sloane Cooper, Esquire, and the law firm of Lydecker Diaz, as Special Counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale, for Construction Related Matters, Prescribing an Hourly Rate of Pay for Such Legal Services, and Providing for an Effective Date - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution appointing Meredyth Sloane Cooper, Esquire, and the law firm of Lydecker Diaz, as Special Counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale, for construction related matters.

**Background**

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.”

Due to recently filed litigation, as well due to occasional needs that arise from time to time, it is recommended that the City add to its roster of special counsel an attorney and law firm experienced in construction related matters. The purpose of this addition is to streamline the appointment process and to eliminate any delay in appointing and consulting with counsel in recurring construction issues and matters.

**Resource Impact**

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$100,000 are available in the FY 2020 Budget in the account listed below:

<i>Funds available as of October 28, 2019</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
001-ATT010101-3119	City Attorney	Services & Materials/ Legal Services	\$906,667	\$765,936	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					<b>\$100,000</b>

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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