



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#24-0471

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

FROM: Thomas J. Ansbro, City Attorney

DATE: May 7, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Appointing Brooke Ehrlich, Esquire, as Special Counsel for the City of Fort Lauderdale Civil Service Board - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that the City Commission adopt a Resolution appointing Brooke Ehrlich, Esquire, as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale Civil Service Board at the rate specified below and rescind Resolution No. 17-271 that appointed the previous special counsel.

Background

The City requires special counsel to serve as legal advisor to the Civil Service Board because the City Attorney’s Office cannot represent both City staff and the Civil Service Board. The former special counsel to the Board has resigned because she relocated to another state to be with her family. It is recommended that Brooke Ehrlich, Esquire, be retained as special counsel to the Civil Service Board at the rate of \$300.00 per hour.

Resource Impact

The fees and expenses for the special counsel, in the amount of \$5,000.00, will be included in and funded from the FY 2024 Budget in the account listed below:

<i>Funds available as of April 26, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-1202-514-30-3119	City Attorney	Services & Materials/ Legal Services	\$1,309,781	\$912,399	\$5,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$5,000

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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