

# COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: 12-07-2010 AGENDA ITEM: CR-03

COMMISSION REPORT NO: 10-1703

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CITY MANAGER'S SIGNATURE

TITLE 1: SPECIAL COUNSEL - LEWIS, LONGMAN & WALKER, P.A. - \$15,000

TITLE 2: GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - PENSION MATTERS

SUBJECT:

A resolution appointing Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. as special counsel for General Employees Retirement System and pension matters and prescribing compensation to be paid for such legal services.

REQUESTED ACTION (STAFF RECOMMENDATION - CONTENT OF MOTION):

Adopt resolution.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONFERENCE

- Motion
- Motion for Discussion
- Old/New Business
- City Commission Reports
- Public Hearing
- Ordinance
- Exec Closed Door
- City Manager Reports
- Resolution
- Presentation
- Conference Reports
- Purchase
- Citizen Presentation
- Advisory Boards
- Consent Resolution

Public Notice Advertised:

FUNDS APPROPRIATION/TRANSFER (provide index code, subobject, and title of subobject):

See attached Exhibit 1.

## FOR PROCUREMENT ITEMS ONLY

PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NO: TRANSACTION TYPE:

BIDS SOLICITED/RECEIVED: WBE: LATE BID:

Vendor: MBE: NO BID:

Amount: Details:

Procurement Recommendation:

**Description of Exhibits:**

1. Funding	2. Resolution	3.
4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.

**EXHIBITS:** AVAILABLE VIA HARDCOPY: Exhibit #s: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIOR COMMISSION/BOARD ACTION:** (attach additional file if necessary)

**BACKGROUND/DETAIL:**

James W. Linn, Esquire, of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., has been utilized as an expert witness in City retirement and pension issues by Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A., the City's special counsel for collective bargaining negotiations and other labor and employment matters.

Mr. Linn's legal expertise is required pertaining to the General Employees Retirement System (GERS) and ongoing work performed in evaluating the retirement program in connection with collective bargaining, as well as preparing pension plan documents and amendments.

**Attorney's Initials:** HAS

Sufficient funds are available in Fund 001, Subfund 01, Index Code GEN050101, Subobject 3119.

AVAILABLE:

FUND	SUBFUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUB	OBJECT #	SUBOBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
001	01	GENERAL FUND	GEN050101	OTHER GEN GOVT-HR	3119		LEGAL SERVICES	\$15,000.00
							TOTAL	\$ 15,000.00

RESOLUTION NO. 10-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING LEWIS, LONGMAN & WALKER, P.A., TO BE RETAINED AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR RETIREMENT AND PENSION MATTERS, AND PRESCRIBING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID FOR SUCH LEGAL SERVICES.

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WHEREAS, James W. Linn, Esquire, of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., has been utilized as an expert witness in City retirement and pension issues by Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A., the City's special counsel for collective bargaining negotiations and other labor and employment matters;

WHEREAS, Mr. Linn's expertise is required pertaining to the General Employees Retirement System and ongoing work performed in evaluating the City's retirement program, as well as preparing pension documents and amendments,

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

SECTION 1. That Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., is retained as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale at the rate of \$250.00 per hour, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval, for retirement and pension matters, effective December 7, 2010.

ADOPTED this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Mayor  
James "Jack" P. Seiler

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
JONDA K. JOSEPH