

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, INCREASING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO SPECIAL COUNSEL HALICZER, PETTIS & SCHWAMM, P.A., NABORS, GIBLIN & NICKERSON, P.A., KIM VAUGHAN LERNER LLP, T.S. ALVAREZ, P.A., D/B/A MARTIN, LISTER & ALVAREZ, BILLING, COCHRAN, LYLES, MAURO & RAMSEY, P.A., AND JOHNSON, ANSELMO, MURDOCH, BURKE, PIPER & HOCHMAN, P.A., FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS AND RELATED LITIGATION AND APPEALS AND HALICZER, PETTIS & SCHWAMM, P.A., AND MASSEY, COICAN & KING, PLLC, FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM CASES; AND PROVIDING FOR RESCISSION OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTION PROVISIONS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-102, appointing Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., Kim Vaughan Lerner LLP, and T.S. Alvarez, P.A., d/b/a Martin, Lister & Alvarez, and reappointed Billing, Cochran, Heath, Lyles, Mauro & Anderson, P.A., n/k/a Billing, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, P.A., as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with general liability claims and related litigation and appeals, at the following hourly rates: \$225.00 for partner level attorneys, \$150.00 for associate attorneys, and \$95.00 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2018, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 18-69, appointing Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & Hochman, P.A., as special counsel for general liability claims and related litigation and appeals, at the following hourly rates: \$225.00 for partner level attorneys, \$150.00 for associate attorneys, and \$95.00 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2020, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 20-16, appointing Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., and reappointed Massey, Coican & King, PLLC, as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with workers' compensation claim cases, at the following hourly rates: \$225.00 for partner level attorneys, \$150.00 for associate attorneys, and \$95.00 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval; and

WHEREAS, 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.”

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

SECTION 1. That Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., Kim Vaughan Lerner LLP, T.S. Alvarez, P.A., d/b/a Martin, Lister & Alvarez, and Billing, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, PA, shall be paid at the following hourly rates: \$300 for partner level attorneys, \$225 for associate attorneys, and \$95 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney’s approval, for legal services performed for the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on general liability claims and related litigation and appeals after adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. That Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & Hochman, P.A., shall be paid at the following hourly rates: \$300 for partner level attorneys, \$225 for associate attorneys, and \$95 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney’s approval, for legal services performed for the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on general liability claims and related litigation and appeals after adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. That Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., and Massey, Coican & King, PLLC, shall be paid at the following hourly rates: \$300 for partner level attorneys, \$225 for associate attorneys, and \$95 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney’s approval, for workers’ compensation claim cases performed for the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, after adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby rescinded to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney
ALAIN E. BOILEAU

Dean J. Trantalis _____

Heather Moraitis _____

Steven Glassman _____

Robert L. McKinzie _____

Ben Sorensen _____