

RESOLUTION NO. 17-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA APPOINTING BAKER DONELSON AND REAPPOINTING THE LAW FIRMS HALICZER, PETTIS & SCHWAMM, P.A., ALLEN, NORTON & BLUE, P.A., AND CARMEN RODRIGUEZ, P.A. TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE IN CONNECTION WITH LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT MATTERS, PRESCRIBING HOURLY RATES OF PAY FOR SUCH LEGAL SERVICES, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBERS 06-179 AND 07-45, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 06-179, the City Commission appointed Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., and Carmen Rodriguez, P.A., as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale for labor and employment matters, establishing an hourly rate of \$140.00, effective November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 07-45, the City Commission retained Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A., as special counsel for collective bargaining negotiations and other labor and employment matters, establishing an hourly rate of \$185.00, effective March 6, 2007, and;

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to appoint Baker Donelson and reappoint Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., Allen, Norton, & Blue, P.A., and Carmen Rodriguez, P.A., as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale for labor and employment matters; 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 Baker Donelson is hereby appointed and Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., Allen Norton & Blue, P.A., and Carmen Rodriguez, P.A., are hereby reappointed as special counsel for labor and employment matters and related litigation and appeals.

SECTION 2. That Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A., shall be paid for legal services at an hourly rate of \$250.00 for partners, \$200.00 for associates, and a rate of \$95.00 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval.

SECTION 3. That Baker Donelson, Haliczer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., and Carmen Rodriguez, P.A., shall be paid for legal services provided in connection with matters assigned after the effective date of this Resolution at an hourly rate of \$250.00 for partners, \$200.00 for associates, and a rate of \$95.00 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval.

SECTION 4. That Haliczer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., and Carmen Rodriguez, P.A. shall be paid at the hourly rate of \$140.00 per hour for legal services in connection with matters assigned prior to the effective date of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. That the City Attorney shall serve as liaison with all such special counsel.

SECTION 6. That Resolution Nos. 06-179 and 07-45 are rescinded.

SECTION 7. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI