



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

#15-0384

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

FROM: Cynthia A. Everett, City Attorney

DATE: March 17, 2015

TITLE: Resolution Amending Scope of Services, Hourly Rate and Establishing Rates for Paralegals and Law Clerks, for the Law Firm of Brinkley, Morgan, Solomon, Tatum, Stanley & Lunny, LLP.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 09-273 by expanding the scope of services, increasing the hourly rate and establishing a rate for paralegals and law clerks, for the law firm of Brinkley, Morgan, Solomon, Tatum, Stanley & Lunny, LLP.

Background

In 2009, the City Commission retained the Law Firm of Brinkley, Morgan, Solomon, Tatum, Stanley & Lunny, LLP, as Special Counsel to represent the City's interest in connection with an amendment to the City's lease of Bahia Mar.

The Bahia Mar Tenant has presented a proposal to redevelop Bahia Mar over three (3) phases within multiple uses in each phase. Special Counsel must provide additional legal services with regards to the redevelopment proposal.

Further, Special Counsel has made a request to increase its fees from \$275.00 an hour to \$300.00 an hour and to add an hourly rate of \$95.00 for paralegals and law clerks.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$30,000. Funding is available per the funding table below:

<i>Funds available as of March 12, 2015</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
001-ATT010101-3119	City Attorney	Services-Materials/Legal Services	\$237,338.00	\$104,052.00	\$30,000.00
				TOTAL →	\$30,000.00

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Commission Agenda Report 09-1644

Exhibit 2 - Resolution No. 09-273

Exhibit 3 – Proposed Resolution

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