



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0826

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

FROM: D'Wayne Spence, Interim City Attorney

DATE: August 22, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 20-176 and Appointing the Law Firm of Bilzin Sumberg, as Special Counsel, to Represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in Connection with Complex Real Estate Matters and Prescribing Hourly Rates – (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission repeal Resolution No. 20-176 and adopt a resolution appointing the law firm of Bilzin Sumberg, as Special Counsel, to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with complex real estate matters, and prescribing the hourly rates to be paid for such legal services.

Background

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.”

It is recommended that the City Commission repeal Resolution No. 20-176 adopted on October 6, 2020, appointing Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. as Special Counsel for complex real estate matters and appoint Bilzin Sumberg as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with complex real estate matters, and prescribing the hourly rates to be paid for such legal services.

Resource Impact

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$150,000.00 are available in the FY 2023 Budget in the account(s) listed below:

Funds available as of August 15, 2023

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	\$1,117,909	\$185,197	\$150,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$150,000

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution No. 20-176

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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