

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COURTS ADMINISTRATOR AND THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$224,387 FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY COURT EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, RECISSION OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTION PROVISIONS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida have entered into an Agreement to operate a Community Court within the City of Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale has incurred costs in operating the Community Court; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature appropriated \$136,387.00 in Chapter 2020-111, Section 7, Line 3229 and \$88,000.00 in Chapter 2021-36, Section 7, Line 3155 to the Judicial Branch to partially fund the Community Court; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation was placed on hold in August 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in January 2021, the hold on the appropriations was lifted; and

WHEREAS, the appropriated funds are presently held being held by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

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

SECTION 1. That the City Manager or their designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement with the Office of the State Courts Administrator, containing terms acceptable to the City Manager or their designee, for the reimbursement of the costs the City of Fort Lauderdale incurred as a result of operating the Community Court in an amount not to exceed \$224,387.00.

SECTION 2. That the Office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by the City Manager or their designee.

SECTION 3. That if any clause, section or other provisions within this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That all Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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

ADOPTED this 5th day of July, 2022.

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney
ALAIN E. BOILEAU

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

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Heather Moraitis _____

Steven Glassman _____

Robert L. McKinzie _____

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