

#22-1174

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

DATE: December 6, 2022

TITLE: Resolution Appointing Code Enforcement Special Magistrate

(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission appoint Thomas J. Ansbro, Esquire as a Special Magistrate through December 31, 2026.

Background

Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale was adopted to promote, protect and improve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Fort Lauderdale by the creation of a code enforcement system. The Code of Ordinances establishes the use of Special Magistrates for hearing cases involving violations of municipal codes.

Currently Rose Anne Flynn, Esquire, serves as a Special Magistrate for the City and will continue to hear cases pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale. H. Mark Purdy, Esquire had served as a Special Magistrate for the City for many years with distinction, and unexpectedly passed away in October.

The appointment is predicated on an internal review by the City Attorney's Office of the upcoming changes to the Special Magistrate workload and number of hearings. Resolution No. 16-198 established the compensation rate at \$400.00 for each appearance for the first three hours plus \$150.00 per hour for each additional hour.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the General Fund in the amount of \$19,101 for FY 2023. The available balance in the chart below reflects the amount remaining after the encumbrance of \$5,232 on PO372 and \$13,869 on PP202425 established for this purchase.

Funds available as of November 30, 2022					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER / ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-140-3101-524,30-3119	Building Services	Services/ Materials/ Legal Services	\$3,016,115	\$1,445,363	\$5,232
10-001-1202-514,30-3119	City Attorney	Services/ Materials/ Legal Services	\$1,117,909	\$716,017	\$13,869
			TOTA	\$19,101	

Attachment Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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