

RESOLUTION NO. 16-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING THE LAW FIRM OF LEWIS, LONGMAN & WALKER, P.A., AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE CITY IN RESPONDING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP)'S ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS ON UNAUTHORIZED SEWER DISCHARGES; PROVIDING A RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR THE SERVICES OF ATTORNEYS; REPEALING ANY AND ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the City received a draft consent order from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as part of FDEP's enforcement efforts to address the discharge of untreated wastewater into surface water; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to retain the services of Special Counsel to assist the City with its negotiations with FDEP and to assist the City in navigating FDEP's administrative enforcement efforts against the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to appoint the Law Firm of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., as Special Counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale for the purpose of assisting the City in responding to FDEP's enforcement efforts on unauthorized sewer discharges;

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

SECTION 1. That Law Firm of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., is appointed as Special Counsel for the purpose of assisting the City in responding to FDEP's enforcement efforts on unauthorized sewer discharges.

SECTION 2. That the amount of \$295.00 per hour for partners and \$200.00 per hour for non-partner attorneys, plus reasonable costs, is prescribed as the compensation to be paid to Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., as Special Counsel.

SECTION 3. That the City Attorney shall serve as liaison with such Special Counsel.

SECTION 4. That such Special Counsel hereby appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

SECTION 5. That the City Attorney is authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to secure the services of Special Counsel.

SECTION 6. That any and all Resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

ADOPTED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Mayor  
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI

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