



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

**#18-0254**

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

**FROM:** Cynthia A. Everett, City Attorney

**DATE:** March 6, 2018

**TITLE:** Resolution amending Resolution No. 17-103 by appointing Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., as special counsel for labor and employment matters, prescribing hourly rates, and authorizing execution of a retainer agreement.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution amending Resolution No. 17-103 by appointing Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., as special counsel for labor and employment matters, prescribing the hourly rates to be paid for such legal services, and authorizing the City Attorney to execute a retainer agreement containing terms acceptable to the City Attorney.

**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.”

The Human Resources Department has requested that the City add Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., to the City’s roster of special counsel.

**Resource Impact**

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$10,000 are available in the FY 2018 Budget in the account listed below:

<i>Funds available as of March 1, 2018</i>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>PURCHASE AMOUNT</b>
001-HRD020101-3119	Employee Relations	Services/Material/ Legal Services	\$120,225	\$11,074	\$10,000

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<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>
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\$10,000
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Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Commission Agenda Memorandum # 17-0644

Exhibit 2 – Resolution No. 17-103

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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