



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#19-1112

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

FROM: Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

DATE: November 5, 2019

TITLE: Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Appointing Meredyth Sloane Cooper, Esquire, and the law firm of Lydecker Diaz, as Special Counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale, for Construction Related Matters, Prescribing an Hourly Rate of Pay for Such Legal Services, and Providing for an Effective Date - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution appointing Meredyth Sloane Cooper, Esquire, and the law firm of Lydecker Diaz, as Special Counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale, for construction related matters.

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."

Due to recently filed litigation, as well due to occasional needs that arise from time to time, it is recommended that the City add to its roster of special counsel an attorney and law firm experienced in construction related matters. The purpose of this addition is to streamline the appointment process and to eliminate any delay in appointing and consulting with counsel in recurring construction issues and matters.

Resource Impact

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$100,000 are available in the FY 2020 Budget in the account listed below:

| <i>Funds available as of October 28, 2019</i> | | | | | |
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| ACCOUNT NUMBER | INDEX NAME (Program) | CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET (Character) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character) | AMOUNT |
| 001-ATT010101-3119 | City Attorney | Services & Materials/ Legal Services | \$906,667 | \$765,936 | \$100,000 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ► | | | | | \$100,000 |

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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