## **RESOLUTION NO. 19-218**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING THE LAW FIRM OF WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L., AS SPECIAL COUNSEL, TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE IN CONNECTION WITH THE AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATIONS (AHF)'S APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND ANY SUBSEQUENT LEGAL PROCEEDINGS THEREFROM.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, desires to appoint the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with the AIDS Healthcare Foundations (AHF)'s appeal to the Board of Adjustment and any subsequent legal proceedings therefrom;

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

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., is hereby appointed as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with the AIDS Healthcare Foundations (AHF)'s appeal to the Board of Adjustment and any subsequent legal proceedings therefrom.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. That the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. shall be paid for legal services provided in connections with matters assigned after the effective date of this Resolution at an hourly rate of \$225.00 for attorneys and a rate of \$95.00 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. That the City Attorney shall serve as liaison to such special counsel.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. That such special counsel hereby appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

<u>SECTION 5</u>. That the City Attorney is authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary with the law firm selected in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

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SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of November, 2019.

Mayor DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk JEFFREY A. MODARELLI