



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#20-0134

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

FROM: Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

DATE: February 4, 2020

TITLE: Resolution appointing Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A. and reappointing
Massey, Coican, and King PLLC, as special counsel to represent the City
of Fort Lauderdale in connection with workers' compensation matters and
claims - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution appointing Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., and reappointing Massey, Coican, and King PLLC, as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with workers' compensation matters and claims, and prescribing the hourly rates to be paid for such legal services.

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."

It is recommended that the City add to its roster of special counsel, prescribe the new counsel's compensation, and increase the compensation prescribed for existing counsel. The purpose of the addition is to have more than one special counsel available in various practice areas thus streamlining the appointment process and eliminating delays in appointing and consulting with counsel in recurring matters and conflict situations.

Resource Impact

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 are available in the FY 2020 Budget in the account(s) listed below:

<i>Funds available as of January 28, 2020</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
543-INS020101-5125	Self-Insurance Claims – Workers Comp	Non-Operating Expenses /Work Comp Claims	\$6,777,000	\$5,889,505	\$1,200,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$1,200,000

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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