

RESOLUTION NO. 20-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING THE LAW FIRM OF HALICZER, PETTIS & SCHWAMM, P.A., AND REAPPOINTING THE LAW FIRM OF MASSEY, COICAN, AND KING, PLLC, TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE IN CONNECTION WITH WORKERS' COMPENSATION MATTERS AND CLAIMS, PRESCRIBING HOURLY RATES OF PAY FOR SUCH LEGAL SERVICES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 79-164, the City Commission appointed Massey, Coican, and King, PLLC, originally known as Pyszka, Kessler, and Adams, as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale for workers' compensation claim cases, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to appoint Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., and reappoint Massey, Coican, and King PLLC, as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale for workers' compensation matters and claims, and

WHEREAS, 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."

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

SECTION 1. That Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A., is appointed, and Massey, Coican, and King, PLLC is reappointed, as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with workers' compensation matters and claims.

SECTION 2. That Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A. and Massey, Coican, and King, PLLC shall be paid for legal services provided in connection with matters assigned after the effective date of this Resolution at an hourly rate of \$225.00 for partner level attorneys, \$150.00 for associate attorneys, and \$95.00 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval.

SECTION 3. That Massey, Coican, and King, PLLC shall be paid at the hourly rate of \$140.00 per hour for legal services in connection with matters assigned prior to the effective date of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. That the City Attorney shall serve as liaison with all such special counsel.

SECTION 5. That Resolution No. 79-164 is hereby rescinded.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of February, 2020.



Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI