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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

DATE: August 17, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Appointing Kymberlee Curry Smith, Esquire, and the Law Firm

of Kymberlee Curry Smith, P.A., as Special Counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale Code Enforcement Board and Setting the Compensation for

Such Services - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution appointing Kymberlee Curry Smith, Esquire, and the Law Firm of Kymberlee Curry Smith, P.A., as Special Counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale Code Enforcement Board.

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."

Resolution No. 88-53, adopted by the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale on March 1, 1988, appointed the law firm of Shailer, Purdy & Jolly, P.A., later known as Purdy, Jolly and Giuffreda, P.A., and in particular Bruce Jolly, Esquire, as special counsel for the City of Fort Lauderdale. After 32 years of distinguished service, Bruce Jolly, Esquire, has retired from the practice of law and as a result, has ceased his legal counsel services to the City of Fort Lauderdale Code Enforcement Board.

It is recommended that the City Commission appoint Kymberlee Curry Smith, Esquire, and the law firm of Kymberlee Curry Smith, P.A., as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale Code Enforcement Board.

Kymberlee Curry Smith, Esquire, and the law firm of Kymberlee Curry Smith, P.A., shall be compensated for such services assigned after the effective date of a Resolution appointing said counsel, at the hourly rate of \$150.00 to be paid upon the submission of periodic invoices to and approval by the City Attorney.

Resource Impact

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$20,000 are available in the FY 2021 Budget in the account listed below:

Funds available as of August 12, 2021					
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	\$1,055,577	\$582,050	\$20,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT ▶		\$20,000

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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