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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

DATE: October 21, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Appointing Albert del Castillo, and the Law Firm of Greenberg

Traurig, P.A., and Steve Bullock, and the Law Firm of Steve E. Bullock, P.A., as Special Counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale in Connection with

Municipal Finance Matters - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution appointing Albert del Castillo, and the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, P.A., and Steve Bullock, and the law firm of Steve E. Bullock, P.A., as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with municipal finance matters, and prescribing the compensation to be paid to such special counsel.

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 his extensive knowledge of municipal bonds, the City Attorney's Office recommends the retention of Albert del Castillo, of the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, in connection with municipal finance matters. The compensation and hourly rates for special counsel are \$400.00 for shareholder attorneys, \$350.00 for associate attorneys, and \$200.00 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval.

The City Attorney's Office also recommends the retention of Steve Bullock, and the law firm of Steve E. Bullock, P.A., in connection with municipal finance matters. The compensation and hourly rates for special counsel are \$400.00 for shareholder attorneys, \$300.00 for associate attorneys, and \$200.00 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval.

Resource Impact

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$100,000 are available in the FY 2022 Budget in the account listed below:

Funds available as of October 15, 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	\$1,022,500	\$756,999	\$100,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT ►		\$100,000

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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