



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#21-1119

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

FROM: Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

DATE: November 16, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Appointing Robert Vaughan, and the Law Firm of Kim Vaughan Lerner LLP, as Special Counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale in Connection with Reestablishing the Boundaries of the Four City Commission Districts Following the 2020 Decennial Census (Redistricting) - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution appointing Robert Vaughan, and the law firm of Kim Vaughan Lerner LLP, as special counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with reestablishing the boundaries of the four City Commission districts following the 2020 decennial census ("redistricting"), and prescribing the compensation to be paid to such special counsel.

Background

Section 7.12 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, provides, in part: "After the receipt of the published information of each decennial census, the city commission shall reestablish the boundaries of the four (4) commission districts so that the districts shall be as approximately equal in population as is practicable."

Robert Vaughan, and the law firm of Kim Vaughan Lerner LLP will provide assistance and counselling regarding the redistricting process in general and the re-drawing of district lines, specifically. The Firm will be a resource for City Commissioners and City Management as the City completes the mandatory redistricting process, including drafting and considering alternative maps and providing legal analysis and counsel regarding the legality of any proposed options. The Firm will also provide technical assistance throughout the process allowing for real time drafting and consideration of proposed maps.

The City Attorney's Office recommends the retention of Robert Vaughan, and the law firm of Kim Vaughan Lerner LLP, in connection with redistricting. The compensation and hourly rates for special counsel is \$400.00 for attorneys, and \$175.00 for paralegals, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval.

Resource Impact

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$40,000.00 are available in the FY 2022 Budget in the account listed below:

| <i>Funds available as of November 19, 2021</i> | | | | | |
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| 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 | \$715,190 | \$40,000 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ► | | | | | \$40,000 |

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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