

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES TO WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L., IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT UP TO \$50,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, BRINGING THE TOTAL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO \$250,000.00.

WHEREAS, the City has engaged the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. ("Weiss Serota") to provide legal services in various matters, including litigation and labor and employment; and

WHEREAS, Section 38.41(C)(11)(i) of the Procurement Ordinance exempts contracts for professional services from the competitive bid and competitive proposal requirements of the Procurement Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, when professional services are contracted and the estimated annual amount to be paid for those services exceeds \$100,000.00, City Commission approval is required; and

WHEREAS, by the end of FY2023, amounts to be paid for those services exceeded \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, following the close of FY 2023, the City Attorney received invoices for services rendered by Weiss Serota through September 30, 2023, thus necessitating this request for additional funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney recommends that the City Commission approve the expenditure of an amount up to \$250,000.000 for matters handled by Weiss Serota during Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this agreement is available in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget in account number 001.020101.51400.531220.000000.000.000.

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

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That it approves and authorizes an increase in the expenditure of funds from an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to an amount up to \$250,000.00 pursuant to the existing agreement with Weiss Serota for FY2023 legal services.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DOUGLAS R. GONZALES  
CITY ATTORNEY