

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 NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, BRINGING THE TOTAL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO \$150,000.00.

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 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 City Code; 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, the fees accrued for various matters handled by Weiss Serota are approaching \$100,000.00, and the City Attorney estimates that by the end of FY2022, they will exceed \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney recommends that the City Commission approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$150,000.000 for various matters, including labor and employment; and

WHEREAS, funding for this agreement will be available in the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget in account numbers 001.020101.51400.531220.000000.000.000 and 001.020101.51400.531260.000000.000.000.

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 not to exceed \$150,000.00 pursuant to the existing agreement with Weiss Serota for FY2022 legal services.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY for the use and reliance of the City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES
CITY ATTORNEY