

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 \$150,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, BRINGING THE TOTAL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 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 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, it is currently unknown whether the full authorized amount will be necessary, but in an abundance of caution, it is requested that the funding be allocated; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney recommends that the City Commission approve the expenditure of an amount up to \$250,000.00 for matters handled by Weiss Serota; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this agreement is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 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 \$150,000.00, to an amount up to \$250,000.00 pursuant to the existing agreement with Weiss Serota for FY2024 for legal services.

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

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES
CITY ATTORNEY