

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO PAY GRAYROBINSON, P.A., FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN THE ICON OFFICE BUILDING PROPERTY MATTER, AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00 FOR FY 2016; AMENDING THE FY 2016 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET (R-2015-294), AS DETAILED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT 1, REVISING OPERATING REVENUES, AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY TRANSFERS AND ADJUSTMENTS, REAUTHORIZING AND RE-APPROPRIATING CERTAIN FUNDING; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES TO ESTABLISH ACCOUNTS AS MAY BE NEEDED; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, GrayRobinson, P.A. (“the Law Firm”) is defending the City of Hollywood against the claims arising out of environmental contamination that allegedly exists on the proposed ICON Office Building property; and

WHEREAS, these claims are now the subject of litigation known as Berman Development Group, LLC, et al. v. City of Hollywood et al.; and

WHEREAS, Section 38.40(C)(2) of the Code of Ordinances exempts from the competitive bid and competitive proposal requirements of the Purchasing Ordinance contracts for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the total fees to be paid to the Law Firm for FY 2016 for legal services in the ICON matter may approach but are not expected to exceed \$600,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the CRA is named as a co-defendant in the above-described litigation and has agreed to share equally in the fees and costs paid to the Law Firm, thereby leaving each of the City and the CRA responsible for payment of a maximum of \$300,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2016; and

WHEREAS, previously the City Commission and the CRA each authorized payment to the Law Firm in Fiscal Year 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, thereby authorizing a total of \$250,000.00; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2016, the CRA Board is approving a similar resolution increasing the total authorized to be paid by the CRA from \$125,000.00 to \$300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, certain routine and periodic budgetary adjustments and transfers are appropriate and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget was adopted and approved by the City Commission pursuant to Resolution R-2015-294 and subsequently amended; and

WHEREAS, the transferring of funding between line item accounts is needed to provide funding support for necessary legal services;

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

Section 1: That it hereby approves and authorizes the payment, by the appropriate City officials, of fees, pursuant to the agreement between the City of Hollywood and GrayRobinson, P.A. for legal services in the ICON Office Building property lawsuit, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for FY 2016, representing an increase from the previously approved amount of \$125,000.00.

Section 2: That the Amendments to the Operating Budget of the City of Hollywood for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015, as set forth in detail in Exhibit 1, attached hereto, and by this reference made a part hereof, are hereby approved, adopted and accepted as Amendments to the Operating Budget of the City of Hollywood Florida, for the Fiscal Year 2016.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

PETER BOBER, MAYOR

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
For the use and reliance of the
City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

JEFFREY P. SHEFFEL, CITY ATTORNEY