

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE FY 2018 AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW OFFICES OF PAUL T. RYDER, JR., P.A. TO WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L. ("WEISS SEROTA"); AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH WEISS SEROTA FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR FY 2019 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00.

WHEREAS, the City has used the Law Offices of Paul T. Ryder, Jr., P.A. for legal services in various labor and employment matters, and the two attorneys who have provided such services are Paul T. Ryder, Jr. and Lindsey Ryder (the "Ryders"); 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, when professional services are purchased and the estimated annual amount to be paid for those services exceeds \$50,000.00, City Commission approval is required; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-2017-300 approved an agreement (the "Ryder Agreement") with the Law Offices of Paul T. Ryder, Jr., P.A. for legal services for FY 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-2018-085 increased the authorized amount for FY 2018 under the Ryder Agreement to \$125,000.00; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2018, the Law Offices of Paul T. Ryder, Jr., P.A. merged into Weiss Serota, with both Ryders moving to Weiss Serota; and

WHEREAS, the Ryder Agreement prohibits the assignment of the Ryder Agreement by either party without the consent of the other party; and

WHEREAS, with the understanding that the Ryders will be the primary attorneys for all services provided by Weiss Serota in the areas of labor and employment law, Weiss Serota, as the successor in interest to the Ryder Agreement, has requested that the City consent to the assignment of the Ryder Agreement to Weiss Serota; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney recommends that the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to consent to the assignment of the Ryder Agreement to Weiss Serota; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney estimates that the total amount of fees that will be paid to Weiss Serota in Fiscal Year 2019 for labor and employment services will approach but not exceed \$75,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney recommends that the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the attached Contract for Consulting/Professional Services with Weiss Serota for FY 2019; and

WHEREAS, funding has been identified and is available in the Fiscal Year 2019 budget in Account Number 01.0104.00000.514.003126.

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 authorizes the appropriate City officials to consent to the assignment of the Ryder agreement to Weiss Serota.

Section 3: That it approves and authorizes the execution, by the appropriate City officials, of the attached Contract for Consulting/Professional Services with Weiss Serota for FY 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, together with such non-material changes as may be subsequently agreed to by the City Manager and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the City Attorney.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

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