

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 \$35,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, BRINGING THE TOTAL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 TO \$135,000.00.

WHEREAS, the City has two separate agreements for legal services provided by the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. ("Weiss Serota"), one for labor and employment matters, which are handled primarily by Paul T. Ryder, Jr. and Lindsey Ryder, and one for matters other than labor and employment matters that are handled by other members of the firm; 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, the fees accrued for matters other than labor and employment are approaching \$100,000.00, and the City Attorney estimates that by the end of Fiscal Year 2021, they will exceed \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney recommends that the City Commission approve the expenditure of an additional amount not to exceed \$35,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$135,000.000 for matters other than labor and employment for Fiscal Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this agreement is available in the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating 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, AS FOLLOWS:

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 the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 pursuant to the existing agreement with Weiss Serota for Fiscal Year 2021 for legal services for matters other than labor and employment matters.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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