

Legislation Text

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A Resolution Of The Hollywood, Florida, Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA"), Authorizing The Payment Of Fees To GrayRobinson, P.A. ("Law Firm") For Legal Services In The ICON Office Building Property Matter In An Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000.00 For FY 2017.

Staff Recommends: Approval of the attached resolution.

Explanation:

The Law Firm is defending the City of Hollywood and the CRA against claims arising out of environmental contamination that allegedly exists on the proposed ICON Office Building property. These claims are now the subject of litigation known as Berman Development Group, LLC, et al. v. City of Hollywood et al.

Section 38.40(C)(2) of the Code of Ordinances, which is part of the City's Purchasing Ordinance, exempts from the competitive bid and competitive proposal requirements of the Purchasing Ordinance contracts for professional services, and the CRA has adopted the terms of the City's Purchasing Ordinance as the regulations governing its purchases.

The City and the CRA have determined that it is fair and equitable for them to split equally the fees of the Law Firm for legal services in the ICON Office Building Property matter. On the same day this resolution is adopted, the City Commission is expected to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of fees to the Law Firm for legal services in the ICON Office Building Property matter in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for FY 2017.

The CRA General Counsel recommends that the CRA Board similarly authorize the payment of fees to the Law Firm for legal services in the ICON Office Building Property matter in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for FY 2017.

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by:

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