



Short Title:

A RESOLUTION OF CHAIR AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HALLANDALE BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA; APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRM FOX ROTHSCHILD LLP TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION SERVICES TO THE HALLANDALE BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AND THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 4 THROUGH 30, 2018; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Summary:

Background:

In a letter dated August 30, 2018 (Exhibit 3), the firm of GrayRobinson P.A., notified the City of Hallandale Beach that CRA Attorney Steven W. Zelkowitz was no longer affiliated with the firm. Mr. Zelkowitz is now affiliated with the firm Fox Rothschild LLP.

According to the letter, the rules regulating Florida attorneys encourages the Hallandale Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (HBCRA) Board of Directors to determine whether they would desire for Mr. Zelkowitz to continue in his new capacity, to represent the HBCRA in the matters referenced in the attached Exhibit 4, or, whether the HBCRA would prefer to continue to have GrayRobinson P.A. represent the HBCRA for FY 18/19.

Current Situation:

On July 31, 2018 GrayRobinson, P.A., submitted an engagement letter requesting a budgeted amount of \$75,000 for Board meetings and routine matters for FY 18/19.

All legal fees for all non- routine projects are to be estimated and budgeted with input from the Executive Director and paid on an hourly rate (see Exhibit 2). This agreement mirrors the agreement that was negotiated last fiscal year per the HBCRA Board's Directive.

On August 31, 2018, Mr. Zelkowitz submitted a new letter of engagement under the affiliation of his new firm Fox Rothschild LLP. The terms of the new engagement letter (Exhibit 4) are exactly the same as those negotiated when Mr. Zelkowitz was the HBCRA Attorney during his affiliation with GrayRobinson P.A.

Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Chapter 23, Section 23-4, Competitive Bidding Required, all purchases of and contracts for equipment, supplies and contractual services, when the estimated



cost shall exceed \$50,000.00 shall be based on competitive bids. Furthermore, pursuant to Chapter 23, Section 23-6, Award of Contract, the Executive Director, shall have the authority to recommend to the Board award of contracts.

Proposed Action:

Staff encourages the HBCRA Board of Directors to determine whether they desire to retain the services of GrayRobinson P.A., or whether they prefer to retain the services of Mr. Zelkowitz based on his new affiliation with the firm Fox Rothschild LLP, and based on the terms outlined in Exhibit 4.

Attachment(s):

- Exhibit 1 – Resolution
- Exhibit 2 – Gray Robinson P. A. engagement Letter FY 18/19
- Exhibit 3 – Letter from GrayRobinson P.A.
- Exhibit 4 – Fox Rothschild LLP engagement Letter FY 18/19
- Exhibit 5 – About Fox Rothschild

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