



"The Best Waterfront City in Which to Live, Work And Play."

CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH

TO: HON. MAYOR, CHAIRPERSON, AND CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: JONATHAN EVANS, CITY MANGER, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

FROM: CLARENCE SIRMONS, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BUDGET APPROPRIATION

DATE: APRIL 21, 2021

CC: GENERAL PUBLIC

Background: Increased land use, zoning, and Code Compliance legal matters addressing the City's Comprehensive Plan, wetlands, submerged lands, and riparian rights have resulted in additional reliance on specialized legal services provided to the City. The increase in legal issues governing these specialized areas of law are likely to continue through the end of Fiscal Year 2020-21. Currently Development Services has approximately \$75,000 in outstanding balances for legal services rendered dating back to Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Development Services also has \$3,480,682 in unappropriated reserves available for supplemental appropriation. The department requests a total transfer of \$150,000 from reserves to cover approximately \$75,000.00 in outstanding balances for legal professional services previously rendered on behalf of the City, as well as, to cover future anticipated FY20-21 legal expenses. Any transferred funds not expended on professional services for FY20-21 will be returned to the Development Services Department unappropriated reserves account.

City Goals:

The Citywide goal is to enhance government stewardship.

Fiscal/Budget Impact:

This resolution would increase funds available to Development Services during this fiscal year by transferring funds from Development Services' unappropriated Reserves account into the department's professional services account.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that Council approve this resolution.

Attachments:

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1. Resolution