



City of North Miami Beach
Agenda Cover Memo

City Manager:					City Manager Signature:				
Commission Meeting Date:	Aug 27, 2026		Item Type: (Enter X In Box)	Resolution		Ordinance		Other	
				X					
Fiscal Impact (Enter X In Box)	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: (Enter X In Box)			1st Reading		2nd Reading	
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				Public Hearing: (Enter X In Box)			Yes	No	Yes
Funding Source: Account#:	Enter Account Information In Financial Impact Section		Advertising Requirement: (Enter X In Box)			Yes		No	
Contract/P.O. Required (Enter X In Box)	Yes	No	RFP/RFQ/Bid #						
		X							
Strategic Plan Related (Enter X In Box)	Yes	No	Strategic Plan Priority Area						
	X		Safe, Clean and Beautiful Community						☐
			Elevate Quality of Life by Improving Resilience, Sustainability And Affordable Placemaking						☐
			Provide Innovative Digital Services						☐
			Maintain High Performing City Organization Focused on Excellent Customer Service						☐
			Advance Culture and the Arts						☐
			Revitalize Downtown and Major Corridors						☐
			Financially Sound Government						X
Sponsor		Commissioner Su			Department				

Short Title

Termination of Greenspoon Marder as the City of North Miami Beach City Attorney with replacement as the Interim City Attorney by Steven W. Zelkowitz, PA

Staff Summary

History/Background: Greenspoon Marder has served as the City of North Miami Beach City Attorney since April, 2024.

Current Activity: Interest has been expressed in terminating Greenspoon Marder as the City of North Miami Beach City Attorney and creating an in-house Office of the City Attorney. If the City Commission determines that it is in the best interest of the City to terminate the services of Greenspoon Marder, interim legal services will be required until an Office of the City Attorney can be implemented.

The firm of Steven W. Zelkowitz, PA, the City's current CRA Attorney, is willing and capable of assuming the responsibilities of Interim City Attorney until an Office of the City Attorney is implemented and fully operational. The retainer for Steven W. Zelkowitz, PA will be \$35,000 per month as compared to the current monthly retainer of \$50,393 for a period not to exceed six months.

Financial Impact: There are no penalty fees associated with the termination of Greenspoon Marder with the only further charges being related to unbilled services for work that may be underway. The City will further realize savings of slightly over \$15,000 per month in retainer fees for the period that the services of Steven W. Zelkowitz, PA are required as Interim City Attorney. It is further believed that the implementation of an in-house Office of the City Attorney will save the City between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 annually by greatly reducing the requirement for external legal services.

Proposed Action

Staff will adhere to the direction provided by the City Commission on this issue.

Attachments

Greenspoon Marder engagement letter of April 9, 2024