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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor Schneier and the Town Commission
CC: Tom Harmer, Town Manager
FROM: Maggie Mooney, Town Attorney
REPORT DATE: October 28, 2022
MEETING DATE: November 7, 2022
SUBJECT: **Alternate Special Magistrate Services Engagement Agreement**

Since June 2019, the Town has contracted with lawyer Milan Brkich pursuant to a Special Magistrate Service Agreement to serve as the Town's Special Magistrate over Code Enforcement matters. The Town is pleased with Mr. Brkich's services as the Town's Special Magistrate, and his contract has been extended through June 2023, and is subject to an additional renewal through June 2024. Generally speaking, unless the meetings are cancelled, Mr. Brkich's services are utilized once a month to conduct quasi-judicial hearings. If Mr. Brkich is unavailable, the Town does not have another lawyer or law firm under contract to render Special Magistrate services. The Town Attorney reached out to the local government law firm of Trask Daigneault, LLP (based out of Pinellas County) to inquire into whether they would serve as a Special Magistrate Alternate, if Mr. Brkich was unavailable. The Trask Daigneault law firm expressed its willingness to serve as a Special Magistrate Alternate and identified three (3) lawyers within their firm that could fulfill the role, if needed. A contract for Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Services Agreement ("Agreement") with the law firm of Trask Daigneault, LLP is being presented to the Town Commission for approval to ensure that Special Magistrate services are continuously rendered. A copy of the Agreement is enclosed. The law firm of Trask Daigneault, LLP proposes to perform Special Magistrate services at the same billable rate as Mr. Brkich at \$275/hour. The Town Manager and Town Attorney recommend that the Town Commission approve the Agreement as presented.

Recommended Motion: Approve the Agreement for Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Services Agreement with the law firm of Trask Daigneault, LLP and authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to execute the Agreement on the Town's behalf.

Exhibit 1: (1) Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Services Agreement with the law firm of Trask Daigneault, LLP. This exhibit is available and on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

End of Agenda Item