

RESOLUTION 2023-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, APPOINTING CITY ATTORNEYS WITH RESPECTIVE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVE THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF A RESOLUTION OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, requires the services of an attorney to provide legal advice and representation to the City, the Commission, and City Staff in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney serves at the pleasure of the City Commission which has the authority to appoint an attorney or attorneys to provide professional services; and

WHEREAS, Section 18 of the City of Tarpon Springs Charter provides “The city attorney shall be appointed by, serve under the direct supervision of, and serve solely at the pleasure of the board of commissioners. The city attorney shall render to the city and its respective boards, officers and employees the necessary and proper legal services so that the affairs of the city are conducted in accordance with procedural and substantive requirements of law. The city attorney shall defend the city, its officers and employees in litigation involving the city when no legal conflict exists, report the same to the board of commissioners and shall prosecute violations of city ordinances. The city attorney, or a representative from the city attorney's office, shall attend and advise all quasi-judicial board meetings of the city. Upon motion of the board of commissioners, the city attorney shall institute such litigation as the city commission directs. The city attorney shall perform other duties as are directed by the board of commissioners or prescribed by law.”; and

WHEREAS, Regina Ann Kardash, Esquire, and Andrew Salzman, Esquire, have both provided services and representation to the City of Tarpon Springs in the absence of a previously appointed attorney, and are qualified to serve as City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the joint role of the respective attorneys will satisfy the requirements of the City Charter as set forth *supra*; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City, the public and citizens of Tarpon Springs to contract for qualified professionals to provide services to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Regina Ann Kardash, Esquire, and Andrew Salzman, Esquire as the City Attorneys for the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Section 2. That the City Attorneys, and their respective firms, shall have the following areas of responsibility to the City:

Andrew Salzman, Esquire: Litigation Counsel, City Prosecutor, Human Resources, Police Department, Fire Department, Contracts, City Commission and Conflict Counsel.

Regina Ann Kardash, Esquire: General Counsel, Building Department, Planning Department, Land Use, Ethics, Public Records, Sunshine, Drafting, Contracts, Municipal Cemetery, Sustainability Committee, Budget Advisory Committee, and City Boards Representation.

Section 3. That all Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption in the manner provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.