

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-042

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF EUGENE M. STEINFELD AS SPECIAL MASTER TO CONDUCT ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS ON CODE VIOLATIONS FOR THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III, OF THE HIALEAH CODE, ASSUME ALL POWERS AUTHORIZED BY HIALEAH CODE § 22-154, AND SERVE A TERM COMMENCING ON JUNE 1, 2018 AND ENDING ON MAY 31, 2019, AT AN HOURLY RATE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Hialeah, Florida, Ordinance 1995-63 (August 22, 1995), the City of Hialeah adopted a citation or ticketing procedure for the prosecution of Code violations within the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Hialeah, Florida, Ordinance 2018-017 (February 27, 2018), the City amended Chapter 22, of the Hialeah Code adopting an alternative code enforcement system for the enforcement of its own codes, ordinances, rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 22, of the Hialeah Code, Special Masters shall conduct administrative hearings, and have powers more particularly described in Chapter 22, Article III, of the Hialeah Code;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Hialeah Code §§ 22-151 through 153, a Special Master shall be appointed by the Mayor, and approved by a majority vote of the City Council;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Hialeah Code § 22-151(a), an appointed Special Master must be a member of the state bar in good standing or a retired judge of one of the courts of the state, and shall have an outstanding reputation for civic pride, interest, integrity, responsibility, and business or professional ability; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that Eugene M. Steinfeld meets these qualifications and should be appointed.

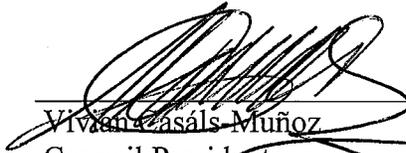
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The foregoing recitations and facts of the preamble to this resolution are hereby incorporated and adopted by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The City of Hialeah, hereby approves the appointment of Eugene M. Steinfeld as Special Master to conduct administrative hearings on code violations for the City of Hialeah, Florida, pursuant to the enforcement procedures set forth in Chapter 22, Article III, of the Hialeah Code, assume all powers authorized by Hialeah Code § 22-154, and serve a term commencing on June 1, 2018 and ending on May 31, 2019, at an hourly rate to be established by administrative order of the Mayor.

Section 3: This resolution shall become effective upon signature of the Mayor of the City of Hialeah, Florida or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor's signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor's veto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8 day of May, 2018.



Vivian Casals-Munoz
Council President

Attest:

Approved on this 14 day of May, 2018.



Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk



Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to legal sufficiency and as to form:



Lorena Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by a 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Zogby, Lozano, Casals-Munoz, Garcia-Martinez and Cuenca-Fuente voting "Yes", Hernandez absent.

EUGENE M. STEINFELD, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

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Board Certified Expert
City, County, Local Government Law

HEARING OFFICER/SPECIAL MAGISTRATE

I act as a Hearing Officer or Special Magistrate for the following municipalities regarding Code Enforcement, zoning, reasonable accommodation and other municipal issues.

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| City of Parkland | City of Deerfield Beach |
| City of Coral Springs | City of Pompano Beach |
| City of Tamarac | City of Sunrise |
| City of Greenacres | City of Pembroke Pines |
| Town of Southwest Ranches | |

CITY ATTORNEY – City of Margate, Florida – 1978-2016
(City of approximately 55,000 population)

Legal representation for all matters pertaining to the City, its commission, administrators, boards and employees in their official capacities, including: zoning and land use; appellate, administrative and governmental law; utilities and personal injury; civil rights; antitrust; forfeiture proceedings; municipal prosecutions; corporate and general law; provided legal advice to the City Commission, City Manager, Department Directors, and employees of the city regarding Civil Service, intergovernmental relations, water and sewer, municipal bonding requirements, commercial, police, fire, condemnation, and official municipal requirements in general. Was responsible for City's legal representation which include labor negotiations, mediations, arbitrations, special master proceedings, and unemployment compensation proceedings and Civil Service matters.

DELEGATION COUNSEL – Broward County Legislative Delegation – 1983-2017

Former Counsel for the Broward County Legislative Delegation, composed of nineteen State Senators and Representatives that represent any portion of Broward County. In this capacity I have drafted or reviewed all local bills relating to Broward County from 1983-2017, including all municipal annexations within the County. I have drafted the two local bills that have been adopted by the Florida Legislature, which control all municipal annexations within Broward County and necessities that same be presented to the Legislative Delegation before approval. (see Chapters 96-542 and 99-447 of the laws of Florida). I have also drafted or reviewed all charters and amendments to charters of all independent special

districts within Broward County. I have drafted and reviewed the Charters of all municipalities created within Broward County from 1983 to 2017. I have composed a charter for Broward County which created a strong mayor form of government for Broward County, which was adopted by the 4th District Court of Appeal, upon legal challenge, (same however was not adopted by the electorate). I advised and issued opinions to the Chair and Executive Legislative Delegation. I have acted as Counsel for various committees of the Legislative Delegation, including annexation committees. I acted as general advisor to members of the Legislative Delegation as to local legal issues.

CHIEF COUNSEL – Margate Community Redevelopment (CRA) – 1999-2016

General Counsel for and advisor to Margate Community Redevelopment Board and Dependent Special District. Advice regarding all matters pertaining to Chapter 163 Part IV Florida Statutes, Tax Increment Financing, Commercial Landlord Tenant and other Real Property matters.

COUNSEL – Northwest Focal Point Senior Center District - 2006-2016

General Counsel and Advisor to the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center District, which provides senior citizen services to Northwest Broward County.

DISTRICT COUNSEL – Broward Solid Waste Disposal District – 2004-2013

Chief legal counsel and advisor to Resource Recovery Board of Broward County (governing body of District), which controlled Solid Waste flow for the majority of Broward County. Counsel to Technical Advisory Committee and all subcommittees of the T.A.C. Advisor to District contractual administration. Advisor regarding contractual and statutory authority of the District, flow control of solid waste, contract interpretation, antitrust liability, intergovernmental jurisdiction, general liability, ethics, sunshine laws, public records and general legal matters.

COUNSEL – Broward County Charter Review Commission – 1987-1988

Chief Counsel and advisor to County's Committee for mandated review of County Charter. Drafter and author of charter provisions.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR – 199-2004

Local Government Law, Nova Southeastern University Law School

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY – City of Miami, Florida 1975-1978

Litigator – Civil Rights – handled city representation in Federal court and matters of notoriety; General Municipal torts. Appellate Litigator – participated in appeal on both state and Federal levels. Advisor to Civil Service Board, Pension Board

and various other boards. General Counsel and Advisor – Downtown Development Board, City of Miami.

EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law, J.D.

University of Miami School of Arts and Science, B.G.S.

HONORS

Board Certification by the Florida Bar as expert in City, County and Local Government Law (B.C.S. Designation)

Paul S. Buchman Award – As Florida’s Outstanding Municipal Attorney

Named Top Lawyer in Local Government by South Florida Legal Guide

Highest Rating Martindale – Hubbell (Attorney’s Rating Service)

Highest Grade – Florida Bar (Third District) – Invited by Supreme Court as Speaker

Member of Iron Arrow – Highest Honorary Society – University of Miami

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Past Chairman – Government Attorneys of Broward County – 15 years
Coordinator of all city and county attorneys within Broward County for
voluntary bar organizations

Past President – Florida Municipal Attorney’s Association

Former Member – Executive Council Local Government Section Florida Bar

Member – Florida Bar; Trial Bar – Federal Southern District of Florida 11th
Circuit of Appeals

Supreme Court of Florida

LECTURES AND ARTICLES

Author – Sovereign Immunity in Florida – Municipal Attorney Magazine

Author – Civil Rights – National Institute of Municipal Law Officers Review

Lecturer – Government Attorneys at Broward County

Lecturer – Florida League of Cities

Lecturer – Florida Purchasing Agents- Purchasing Procedures in Florida

Speaker – Various civic and community organizations