RESOLUTION NO. 080784

PASSED February 19, 2009

A continuing resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to represent the City in any future county court claims, which includes small claims, in which the City is named as a Defendant and to authorize prosecution of county court claims, including small claims; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, from time to time the City of Gainesville is named as a defendant in a county court claim; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction of the County Court encompasses monetary claims that do not exceed $15,000; and

WHEREAS, time to respond to these complaints is short and Section 3.03 of the Gainesville City Charter authorizes the City Attorney to represent the City in such cases unless otherwise directed by the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the City Attorney's Office is requested to prosecute county court claims on behalf of various departments within the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, the cases are generally routine in nature and necessarily below the settlement authority of the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.03 of the Gainesville City Charter authorizes the City Attorney to prosecute such cases on behalf of the City unless otherwise directed by the City Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Commission authorizes the City Attorney's office to represent the City in any future county court claims, which includes small claims, in which the City is named as a defendant.

Section 2. The City Commission authorizes the City Attorney's office to prosecute county court claims, including small claims, in which the City is named as a plaintiff.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of February, 2009.

PEGEEN HANRAHAN
MAYOR

ATTEST:

KURT M. LANNON
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

Approved as to form and legality

MARION J. RADSON
CITY ATTORNEY

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