RESOLUTION NO. 2025-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE LITIGATION STYLED HOWLAND HOLDINGS GROUP, LLC, ET AL. V. CITY OF DELTONA; AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION THROUGH CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a dispute has arisen involving a complaint for declaratory judgment against the City of Deltona by Howland Holdings Group, LLC, Osteen Acquisitions Group, LLC, Trafalgar Holdings, LLC, Piccadilly Holdings Group, LLC, SLA Capital Group, LLC, Deltona Property Holdings, LLC, Howie Investment Group, LLC, Deltona Capital Group, LLC, Deltona Acquisitions Group, LLC, Elite Trust & Escrow Company, LLC as Trustee of the Silve Line Land Trust dated July 20, 2022, and Elite Trust & Escrow Company, LLC as Trustee of Volusia Holding Group Land Trust (the "Dispute"); and

WHEREAS, the Dispute has resulted in filing of litigation in Florida's 7th Judicial Circuit in and for Volusia County, styled as *Howland Holdings Group, LLC, et al. v. City of Deltona* and identified by Case Number 2025- 11349-CIDL (the "Litigation"); and

WHEREAS, the City's insurance carrier is still determining if coverage exists for this case matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to engage outside legal counsel in this matter in the event that coverage is denied by the City's insurance carrier; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to engage Roberts, Reynolds, Bedard & Tuzzio, PLLC as Outside Counsel to represent City in the Litigation in accordance with the terms of the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission also desires to authorize the City Attorney, TG Law, PLLC ("TG Law"), to represent the City in the Litigation and supervise the City's Outside Counsel in accordance with the terms of TG Law's contract dated November 2, 2024.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Recitals Adopted</u>. That each of the above recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.

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Section 2. Litigation Authorized. That participation in the Litigation is authorized hereby authorized.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Representation Authorized</u>. That Roberts, Reynolds, Bedard & Tuzzio, PLLC and TG Law, PPLC are each duly authorized to represent the City of Deltona pursuant to their respective Proposals and Contracts.

Section 4. Implementation. That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to take any action which is necessary to implement this Resolution.

<u>Section 5</u>. <u>Effective Date</u>. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OFDELTONA, FLORIDA, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

BY: _____

Santiago Avila, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST:

Joyce Raftery, CMC, MMC, CITY CLERK

Approved as to form and legality for use and reliance of the City of Deltona, Florida

TG Law, PLLC, CITY ATTORNEY