



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: September 18, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Resolution 18-15, Policy for Reimbursement of Attorney Fees

Background: When the City was notified that there was an investigation being started on Sunshine Law violations by elected officials, individual Councilmembers were advised to seek their own attorneys because the City Attorney could not represent individual Councilmembers.

The City has no formal policy on reimbursement of attorney fees for individual elected officials.

There are local governments that do provide reimbursement for elected and appointed officials for reasonable attorney fees and court costs necessarily incurred in the defense of a charge unless the officer or employee is found guilty of substantially the same misconduct that formed the basis for the charge.

At the July 3 meeting the City Council directed the City Attorney to develop a policy for the reimbursement of attorney fees.

Staff Recommendation: Review the policy and if satisfactory, adopt the policy

Suggested Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution 18-15.

Alternatives: Do not adopt the resolution.

Fiscal Impact: Determined on a case-by-case basis

Attachments: Resolution 18-15