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Micanopy
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March 24, 2026

Agenda Item

Authorization to Engage Special Land Use Counsel – Patrice Boyes, Holtzman Vogel

Background

The Town is currently preparing for appeal hearings related to the **Micanopy Area Cooperative School (MACS) Final Site Plan and Special Use Permit approvals**. These proceedings involve complex land use and procedural issues under the Town’s Land Development Code (LDC) and Florida law.

During the review and appeal process, several procedural and interpretive questions have arisen regarding provisions of the Town’s LDC. These questions highlight areas where additional legal expertise in land use and administrative law may benefit the Town.

At the recommendation of the Town Attorney, staff proposes engaging **Patrice Boyes of Holtzman Vogel**, an attorney with significant experience in Florida land use, zoning, and local government law.

Purpose of Engagement

The proposed engagement would serve two purposes:

1. Assistance with Current Appeal Proceedings

- Provide specialized legal guidance to the Town Attorney and staff regarding the pending appeals.

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- Assist with preparation of findings, orders, and procedural matters related to the quasi-judicial hearings.
- Help ensure the Town's appeal process is conducted in accordance with applicable law and due process requirements.

2. Identification of Opportunities to Strengthen the Town's Land Development Code

- Provide professional insight into areas of the LDC that may be unclear, outdated, or vulnerable to challenge.
- Offer recommendations for future code improvements that could help the Town avoid similar issues in future land use applications.
- Support the Town's ongoing efforts to maintain a clear, legally defensible regulatory framework.

Fiscal Impact

Legal services would be billed on an hourly basis in accordance with the engagement letter from Holtzman Vogel. Funding for these services is available within the Town's unrestricted reserves.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Town Commission authorize the Town Administrator to execute an engagement letter with **Patrice Boyes of Holtzman Vogel** to provide special land use counsel to the Town.

Suggested Motion

Move to authorize the Town Administrator to execute an engagement letter with Patrice Boyes of Holtzman Vogel to provide special land use counsel to the Town.