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Body of Press Release: Holland & Knight Secured as Outside Legal Counsel

FORT MYERS, FL (Dec. 5, 2017) -

At the December 4th City Council Meeting for the City of Fort Myers, Assistant City Attorney Terry Cramer put forth an agenda item to secure outside legal counsel as it relates to the environmental issues on the South Street site.

The City Attorney's Office assured City Council representatives that hiring a subject matter-expert law firm in a matter such as this is the normal course of action. And, by hiring Holland & Knight we are assured that we have the best representation within the State of Florida. City Council stated that the hiring of Holland & Knight is not a movement towards seeking legal action against any citizens or citizen group. It is merely in the best interest of the City to be represented by an experienced environmental law firm.

Through this entire process, the City of Fort Myers has hired the best engineers to test the site, the best water experts to analyze the results, and the best environmental firm to conduct the



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tests. Throughout this process, the City has gone with all top-tier consultants to ensure that the results are accurate.

For more information about the environmental site assessment and to view the site assessment plan, visit the City's website at www.CityFtMyers.com and scroll down to the South Street Environmental Assessment link or contact the City of Fort Myers at 239-321-7630.