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Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Chair
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Re: Retention of Outside Counsel

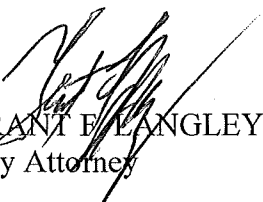
Dear Alderman Hamilton:

This correspondence is provided as directed in Common Council FN 030083, adopted on May 13, 2003, requiring notice in writing to the Judiciary & Legislation Committee of the retention of outside counsel. I am reporting the following:

Our office has retained the services of Von Brieson & Roper, S.C., commencing June 5, 2015, for an amount not to exceed \$25,000, to provide legal services to the City in the representation of defendant Mark Peterson in the case of *Eddie Gill v. Det. Mark Peterson, et al.*, United States District Court Case No. 15-C-0587, and any other lawsuits that may be filed with respect to the events referenced in this matter. This retainer is necessary due to potential conflicts of interest among the parties. The retainer agreement provides for payment of \$200 per hour for hours worked by counsel. Payment for paralegal work provided under this retainer shall not exceed \$75 per hour. The agreement provides for payment of not more than \$25,000. The City may request, and the parties may agree to modification of the scope of services and terms of the retainer agreement as necessary and upon written amendment incorporating any changes within the agreement.

Please contact me if you have any questions related to retention of counsel to represent the Chief of Police in this matter.

Very truly yours,


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