

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ITEM 9, FILE # 040302

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File # 040302 is a communication from the City Attorney relative to the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Fund Special Purpose Account.

Background

Council File # 030083 places expenditure authority for the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Fund Special Purpose Account and requests the City Attorney to advise the Judiciary and Legislation Committee in writing within 48 hours of the hiring of any outside counsel; that the City Attorney advise the Judiciary and Legislation Committee in writing within 48 hours of the retention of any expert whose compensation is anticipated to exceed \$10,000; and that the City Attorney submit a written report to the Judiciary and Legislation Committee every other meeting of expenditures from the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Fund Special Purpose Account.

Discussion

This communication file reports the expenditures, \$57,272, from the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Special Purpose Account relative to the guidelines of Council File # 030083.

Fiscal Impact

The 2004 Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Fund Special Purpose Account is budgeted for \$225,000. As of September 13, 2004, approximately \$3,857.00 remains available for expenditures related to the purposes of this SPA.

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