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Resolution approving a contract for legal services between the City of Milwaukee and La Fleur Law Office, S.C., to provide legal services and representation to the City of Milwaukee in the case entitled *Tari Davis v. Nikolas Zens, et. al.*; United States District Court Case No. 19-CV-1523.

This resolution approves and authorizes the City to enter into a contract for legal services with the law firm of La Fleur Law Office, S.C., to provide legal services and representation to the City of Milwaukee in the case entitled *Tari Davis v. Nikolas Zens, et.al.*; United States District Court Case No. 19-CV-1523.

Whereas, Section 604-23 of the Code allows the Common Council to authorize retention of a law firm outside of the City Attorney's permanent staff, pursuant to a written agreement; and

Whereas, The City has a conflict that cannot be waived due to the City Attorney's defense of the Fire and Police Commission's decision to terminate Nikolas Zens for the same conduct that forms the basis for the plaintiff's claim pursuant to s.1983, title 42 of the U.S. Code; and

Whereas, The City desires to retain La Fleur Law Office, S.C., to defend the City Defendants in the above-referenced lawsuit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City Milwaukee, that the Office of the City Attorney is authorized to retain outside counsel to provide legal services and representation to the City in the case entitled *Tari Davis v. Nikolas Zens, et.al.*; United States District Court Case No. 19-CV-1523; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Office of the City Attorney and appropriate City officers are authorized to execute a Contract for Legal Services with La Fleur Law Office, S.C., substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached to this file; and, be it

Further Resolved, That an amount not to exceed \$30,000 is appropriated from the City Attorney's Office Counsel Expert Witness Special Purpose Account Number 0001-1490-S157-06300 for retaining outside counsel; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Office of the City Attorney is directed to expend up to \$30,000 from this account for this purpose.

City Attorney
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