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Hon. Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Hon. Members of the City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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RE: Outside Assistant Corporation Counsel

Dear Mayor and Council:

On occasion and as needed to defend the City's position in matters of claim or litigation or where there is an unusual or timely need for more complex legal analysis and advice, we need to use the services of specialized attorney services.

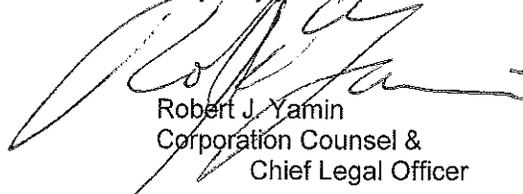
Pursuant to City Charter, when we do seek the retention of such outside counsel, the most conservative approach is to obtain your consent to do so.

Before you is a request to authorize the use of the "as needed" services of Ford Harrison (labor counsel) and Howd and Ludorf, LLC (workers compensation) and the ratification of such services as have been required in one or two recent matters. Both of these excellent firms have provided exemplary services to the City over many years, mostly within our (CIRMA) insurance policy coverage arrangements in which case we have sufficient authority. There are, however, certain matters that do periodically arise where we need their additional services to assist us on ancillary matters when we are short on in-house staff or expertise, which as time goes on, increases in a growing municipality.

Therefore, kindly authorize these types of occasional legal services out of our Offices, and as assistant corporation counsel to your in-house staff and its needs to protect our City officials and operations. The cost of these services is accounted for in our regular outside counsel budget as approved by the Mayor and this Council, or as directed by the Director of Finance.

We are available to answer any questions at your request at any time,

Very truly yours,



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