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Agenda Item Number

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Date February 8, 2021

RETENTION OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines and numerous employees have been sued by a purported class relative to the protests in May and June 2020; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City to obtain outside counsel to assist in the defense of such class action; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Greg R. Brown has agreed to assist in such defense.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

That Greg R. Brown, of the law firm Duncan, Green, Brown & Langeness, PC, 400 Locust Street, Suite 380, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, be and is retained by the City of Des Moines for the purpose of representing the City and its employees in a class action. Such retention is at the rate of \$150.00 per hour plus reasonable expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorney is to provide detailed billing for such services and payment for such services may be periodic. The Finance Director is authorized to pay for such services and the City Attorney shall report such payments to the City Council on a quarterly basis.

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Approved as to Form:

/s/: Carol J. Moser

Carol J. Moser, Deputy City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	

CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

J. M. Frankha Cownie Mayor

P. Kay Cmelik City Clerk