

★ Roll Call Number  
08-494

Agenda Item Number  
37

Date March 24, 2008

APPROVING CONTINUED RETENTION OF AHLERS & COONEY, P.C. AS BOND  
COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF DES MOINES

WHEREAS, the law firm of Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., has been bond counsel to the City of Des Moines since 1973, and is currently acting as bond counsel pursuant to terms of engagement in Roll Call No. 96-483, approved by the City Council on February 5, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the financial terms of engagement of bond counsel have not been reviewed since 1996, and the hourly rate of payment for bond counsel has not been increased since 1996; and

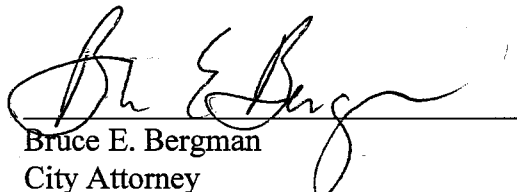
WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed the proposed terms of engagement of bond counsel, as set forth in the attached Engagement Letter of Bond Counsel, dated March 4, 2008, and it is the joint recommendation of the City Attorney and the City Manager that the City should accept and approve the continued employment of Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., as bond counsel of the City of Des Moines, on the terms and conditions contained in the attached Engagement Letter;

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

1. That the City of Des Moines will continue to employ Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., as its bond counsel, pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in the Engagement Letter, dated March 4, 2008, attached hereto.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Engagement Letter, dated March 4, 2008, attached hereto.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Moved by Vlassis to adopt.

  
Bruce E. Bergman  
City Attorney

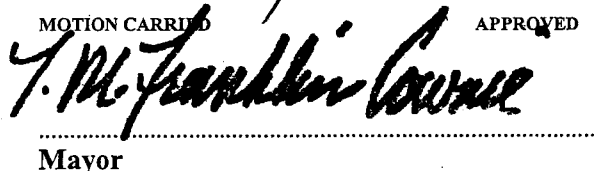
COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
KIERNAN	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
VLASSIS	✓			
TOTAL	7			

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, 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.

  
Diane Rauh City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED  
  
T. M. Franklin  
Mayor