

★ Roll Call Number

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Date October 5, 2020

**RETENTION OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, Retired Des Moines Police Officer Warren Steinkamp has been sued along with the City of Des Moines and another police officer in United States District Court; and

WHEREAS, the subject of the lawsuit arose out of duties performed by Mr. Steinkamp while he was employed as a Des Moines Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, the City is obligated under Iowa Code Section 670.8 to defend its officers and employees whether currently employed or not; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City to obtain outside counsel to represent Retired Officer Steinkamp; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Greg R. Brown has agreed to represent him; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Brown is a partner in the law firm Duncan, Green, Brown and Langeness P.C., a well-respected litigator, and he previously has represented officers at a greatly discounted rate.

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

1. That Greg R. Brown of the law firm Duncan, Green, Brown and Langeness, P.C., 400 Locust Street, Suite 380, Des Moines, Iowa 50266, be and is retained by the City of Des Moines for the purpose of representing Retired Des Moines Police Officer Warren Steinkamp at the rate of \$125.00 per hour plus reasonable expenses; and

2. Attorney Brown is to provide detailed billing for such services and payment for such services may be periodic; and

3. That the City Attorney is authorized and directed to pay all future invoices from the law firm of Duncan, Green, Brown and Langeness, P.C. as they become due, and report such payments to the City Council on quarterly basis.



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Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Approved as to Form:

[Signature]

Carol J. Moser, Deputy City Attorney

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

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.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

[Signature] Mayor

[Signature]

City Clerk