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Date February 8, 2021

RETENTION OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL

WHEREAS, Des Moines Senior Police Officer Brian Minnehan has been sued along with the City of Des Moines, the police chief, and another police officer in United States District Court; and

WHEREAS, the City is obligated under Iowa Code Section 670.8 to defend its officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City to obtain outside counsel to represent Senior Police Officer Minnehan; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Steve Eckley has agreed to represent him.

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

That Steve Eckley, Eckley Law PLLC, 666 Walnut St, Ste. 2308, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, be and is retained by the City of Des Moines for the purpose of representing Des Moines Senior Police Officer Brian Minnehan. 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			

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 J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

P. Kay Cmelik City Clerk