

**FACT SHEET****CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA****TITLE**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEGAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON & WELLS, ATTORNEYS AT LAW; BARON & BUDD, P.C.; COSSICH, SUMICH, PARSIOLA & TAYLOR LLC; FOLEY, LAMY & JEFFERSON; ALVENDIA, KELLY & DEMAREST, LLC; AND STAGG LIUZZA, LLC AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

**DATE**

February 16, 2022

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT**

Office of the City Attorney

**COUNCIL DISTRICT****SPONSOR****PURPOSE**

To authorize the Mayor to execute a legal services agreement, whereas the City of Shreveport (the “City”) desires to engaged outside counsel Washington & Wells, Attorneys at Law; Baron & Budd, P.C.; Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor LLC; Foley, Lamy & Jefferson; Alvendia, Kelly & Demarest, LLC; and Stagg Liuzza, LLC (“Outside Counsel”) to represent the City, including but not limited to its boards, commissions and agencies in this matter and seeks to enter into a Legal Services Agreement with the Outside Counsel in relation thereto.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The City, including its boards, commissions, or agencies, has the right and/or obligation to pursue claims for damages, compensation and other relief (the “Causes of Action”) against the manufacturer(s) and supplier(s) of firefighting foam products (known as “aqueous film forming foam” or “AFFF”) and/or other products containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) (including perfluorooctanoic acid (“PFOA” or “C8”), perfluorooctane sulfonate (“PFOS”), and any other related compounds); and

The City desires to retain the Outside Counsel for the purpose of pursuing these Causes of Action..

**TIMETABLE**

Introduction: February 22, 2022

Final Passage: March 8, 2022

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Exhibit A “Legal Services Agreement”

**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

None

**FINANCES**

NA

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

NA

**ALTERNATIVES**

(1) Adopt the resolution as submitted, or (2) Amend the resolution, or (3) Reject the resolution.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council adopt the resolution.

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:**

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Assistant City Attorney

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ OF 2022**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport (the “City”) desires to engaged outside counsel Washington & Wells, Attorneys at Law; Baron & Budd, P.C.; Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor LLC; Foley, Lamy & Jefferson; Alvendia, Kelly & Demarest, LLC; and Stagg Liuzza, LLC (“Outside Counsel”) to represent the City, including but not limited to its boards, commissions and agencies in this matter and seeks to enter into a Legal Services Agreement with the Outside Counsel in relation thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, The City, including its boards, commissions, or agencies, has the right and/or obligation to pursue claims for damages, compensation and other relief (the “Causes of Action”) against the manufacturer(s) and supplier(s) of firefighting foam products (known as “aqueous film forming foam” or “AFFF”) and/or other products containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) (including perfluorooctanoic acid (“PFOA” or “C8”), perfluorooctane sulfonate (“PFOS”), and any other related compounds); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 8.03 of the City Charter, the City Attorney recommends that the Outside Counsel be retained for the purpose of pursuing these Causes of Action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, a Legal Services Agreement with Washington & Wells, Attorneys at Law; Baron & Budd, P.C.; Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor LLC; Foley, Lamy & Jefferson; Alvendia, Kelly & Demarest, LLC; and Stagg Liuzza, LLC, to provide legal representation, counsel and advice to the City of Shreveport, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the draft thereof attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney’s Office

