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Request for City Council Committee Action From the City Attorney's Office

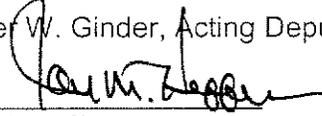
Date: May 18, 2004
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: Retention of outside counsel in Rissanen v. City of Minneapolis and William Palmer

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the proper city officials to enter into a Master Legal Services Agreement with Iverson & Reuvers, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.

Previous Directives:

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Approved by: 
Jay M. Heffern
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Jay M. Heffern, City Attorney

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain): 6900 150 1500 4000
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact:

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals:
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Background/Supporting Information

Due to a potential conflict of interest in providing legal services to both the City of Minneapolis and Officer William Palmer in the above-referenced matter, this Office has moved to divest itself of any potential conflict by retaining separate counsel for Officer Palmer. Pursuant to the Labor Agreement between the City of Minneapolis and the Police Officers' Federation of Minneapolis, the Federation and the City Attorney's Office have developed a list of attorneys for selection as counsel by Officer Palmer. Officer Palmer has

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selected the law firm of Iverson & Reuvers, LLC. I am requesting that the City Council authorize the proper city officials to enter into a Master Legal Services Agreement with Iverson & Reuvers, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.000.