



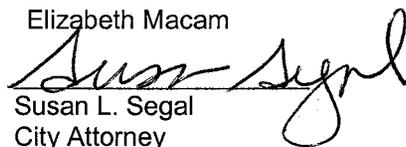
Request for City Council Committee Action From the City Attorney's Office

Date: March 28, 2008
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:
Subject: Legal Services Contract with Heltzer & Burg

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Attorney's Office to amend the current contract (#C-24071) for legal services between the City of Minneapolis and Heltzer & Burg by increasing the total compensation by an additional \$50,000 and extending the contract term until December 31, 2008.

Previous Directives:

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Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.
 Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
 Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
 Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan.
 Other financial impact (Explain):
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact

Background/Supporting Information

On December 19, 2006 the City entered into a \$50,000 contract with Heltzer & Burg to provide legal services regarding the Shanna Hanson v. City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Fire Department and Bonnie Bleskacheck lawsuit. In part, the legal services agreement provided that, "[T]he total amount payable to the Firm under this Agreement shall not exceed \$50,000, including reimbursement for all expenses and disbursements allowed under section III of this Agreement". To date, expenditures total \$41,037 and the agreement ended on February 18, 2008. Additional legal services and expenses have been incurred and it is necessary to increase the total compensation by \$50,000 for a new amount not to exceed an amount of \$100,000 and extend the agreement until December 31, 2008.