



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patricia Smith, City Attorney

THRU: Patricia D. Smith

DATE: September 19, 2024

RE: Consideration of retaining outside counsel to represent the City in litigation regarding recovery of costs incurred as a result of human trafficking.

SUMMARY:

Attorney Travis Walker, The Law Offices of Travis R. Walker, is proposing to represent the City in litigation against persons or businesses that facilitate or are involved in human trafficking within the city. The representation would be on a contingency fee basis and the City would not pay any fees unless there is a monetary recovery. A memorandum explaining the litigation strategy which is modeled after the opioid litigation and a proposed fee agreement are provided for Council's consideration.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

City Attorney's Office

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Council consideration of whether to approve retaining The Law Offices of Travis R. Walker, P.A. to represent the City in litigation regarding recovery of costs incurred as a result of human trafficking.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Litigation Memo
2. Representation Agreement
3. Statement of Client's Rights