

MOTION

NO. M-17-459

CITY HALL: August 24, 2017

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, HEAD, CANTRELL, RAMSEY, BROSSETT
AND GRAY**

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans has been named as a defendant in litigation recently initiated by the Vieux Carré Commission Foundation, captioned *Vieux Carré Commission Foundation v. The City of New Orleans, et al, No. 17-3823, Sec. 13 Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana*; and

WHEREAS, the Council has a professional services contract with Curry & Friend PLC to serve as special counsel when it is determined that there are conflicts or potential conflicts that would cause the Council to have separate counsel from the executive branch; and

WHEREAS, the Council has engaged Curry & Friend PLC in the above-mentioned litigation; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Curry and Friend PLC has notified the Council that it is undergoing restructuring, which prevents it from continuing to best serve the interests of the Council; and

WHEREAS, Susan Laporte, lead counsel at Curry & Friend PLC on the above-mentioned litigation, has relocated to the New Orleans-based, DBE, legal professional services firm of Kuchler Polk Weiner, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Kuchler Polk Weiner, LLC is fully qualified to provide the Council with legal representation in this matter; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That in accordance with Section 6-308 of the Home Rule Charter and Section 2-7 of the Municipal Code, the Council President is hereby authorized and requested to sign a contract with Kuchler Polk Weiner, LLC to provide legal professional services relative to *Vieux Carré Commission Foundation v. The City of New Orleans, et al*, NO. 2017-CA-0527, and related matters with the total amount of compensation for the remainder of 2017 not to exceed the professional services competitive selection threshold of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.)

BE IT FURTHER MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the contract shall be circulated in accordance with normal the process and the City Council Rules.

THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

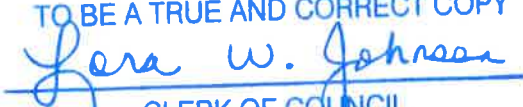
YEAS: Brossett, Cantrell, Gray, Ramsey, Williams - 5

NAYS: Guidry, Head - 2

ABSENT: 0

AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

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THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY

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