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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM



Date: August 24, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Troy City Council Members

From: Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney

Subject: Request to Retain Miller Canfield for Tax Issues

Tax law is one of those areas of practice where our office receives assistance from outside legal counsel, since this is a unique specialty of law. City Administration recently requested assistance from well- renowned and experienced tax experts from Miller Canfield to help with a complicated project to analyze and develop possible legal strategies, which once finalized, would be presented to the Troy City Council for proposed action. The employment of professional services is an exception to the competitive bid requirement, allowing for the retention of individuals who have unique and desirable attributes that will best serve the City. However, when the cost will exceed the purchasing threshold of \$10,000, City Council action is required.

Miller Canfield attorneys Gary R. Glenn and Samantha A. Kopacz have already provided invaluable analysis and advice for this project, but the project is not yet complete, because of unexpected developments. In light of the extensive work already completed, City Administration recommends the continued retention of Miller Canfield for the completion of legal analysis and strategy recommendations. In order to protect the attorney work product privilege, I am happy to continue as the City liaison.

A resolution has been proposed for your consideration.