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Legislation Text

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In 2011, the City of Columbus will begin collective bargaining negotiations with AFSCME Locals 1632 and 2191 and FOP Capital City Lodge #9. As in the past, it is the Department of Human Resources' desire to utilize the services of Baker and Hostetler LLP for the collective bargaining negotiations and related activities throughout 2011. The law firm of Baker and Hostetler LLP has been solicited to provide assistance because of its experience representing the City of Columbus in previous negotiations with these bargaining units.

This legislation will authorize the Director of Human Resources to enter into contract with Baker & Hostetler LLP and will further authorize the expenditure of \$250,000.00 to compensate the contractor for services rendered in conjunction with collective bargaining negotiations and related activities throughout 2011. The competitive bid process would exacerbate an already protracted process and would not be conducive to bringing the negotiations to closure in an expeditious fashion. Therefore, competitive bidding requirements are being waived.

Fiscal Impact: These funds are budgeted within the Department of Human Resources 2011 budget. Baker and Hostetler LLP's contract compliance number is 340082025.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Human Resources to enter into contract with the law firm of Baker and Hostetler LLP for the purpose of providing assistance with collective bargaining negotiations and related activities throughout 2011; to authorize the expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the Employee Benefits Fund; to waive the competitive bidding requirements of the Columbus City Codes; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus requires the professional services provided by Baker and Hostetler LLP; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Baker and Hostetler LLP has provided ongoing assistance to the City of Columbus in conjunction with collective bargaining negotiations and related activities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the mutual best interest of the City to finalize collective bargaining negotiations as expeditiously as possible, therefore requiring the waiver of the competitive bidding provisions set forth in the Columbus City Codes; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with Baker and Hostetler LLP in order to finalize collective bargaining negotiations as soon as possible, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; Now therefore;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Human Resources is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Baker and Hostetler LLP for the purpose of providing ongoing assistance to the City of Columbus in collective bargaining and related activities.

SECTION 2. That the provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Codes are hereby waived.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$250,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from the Employee Benefits Fund as follows:

Fund: Employee Benefits Fund 502 | Department: Human Resources 46 | Division: 46-02 | OBL 3: 3336 | OCA: 461048

SECTION 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves or vetoes the same.