

AUTHORIZING AN ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO DONAHUE & ROSE, PC.

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb (the "City") is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970;

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution 2019-073, which authorized an agreement for legal services between the City and the law firm Rosenthal, Murphey, Coblenz, and Donahue (the "Agreement");

WHEREAS, City Attorneys John Donahue and Matthew Rose have primarily provided legal services to the City under the Agreement;

WHEREAS, the law firm of Rosenthal, Murphey, Coblenz, and Donahue is being dissolved, and City Attorneys John Donahue and Matthew Rose will practice law at the law firm of Donahue & Rose, an Illinois professional corporation;

WHEREAS, paragraph 14 of the Agreement permits the City to assign the Agreement to the law firm of Donahue & Rose, PC;

WHEREAS, the assignment of the Agreement does not affect the material terms of the Agreement including, but not limited to, the legal services provided and compensation for the legal services provided;

WHEREAS, the City's corporate authorities find that it is in the best interests of the City to approve the assignment of the Agreement to Donahue & Rose, PC; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The recitals to this resolution are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: The corporate authorities of the City of DeKalb approve and ratify the assignment of the Agreement entitled Retainer Agreement for City Attorney Services dated April 22, 2019 to the law firm of Donahue & Rose, PC.

SECTION 3: The City Clerk or Executive Assistant of the City of DeKalb, Illinois is authorized and directed to attest the Mayor's signature and shall be effective thereupon.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, at a Regular meeting thereof held on the 9th day of March 2020 and approved by me as Mayor on the same day. Passed by an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Morris, Finucane, Smith, Perkins, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Mayor Smith. Nay: None.

ATTEST:



RUTH A. SCOTT, Executive Assistant



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February 28, 2020

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Re: Assignment of City Attorney Services to Donahue & Rose, PC

Dear Bill:

The purpose of this letter is to address the assignment of the Retainer Agreement for City Attorney Services dated April 22, 2019 between the City of DeKalb and the law firm Rosenthal, Murphey, Coblentz & Donahue to the law firm Donahue & Rose, PC. We have drafted the enclosed resolution to approve the assignment for the City Council meeting on March 9, 2020.

John Donahue and Matthew Rose will continue to be primarily responsible for providing the same legal services to the City for the same compensation under the Retainer Agreement. Our new law firm will also have three attorneys serving as "Of Counsel" to the firm. Barbara Adams joins us from Holland & Knight's local government practice. Judy Kolman joins us from our old law firm. Jason Blumenthal joins us from the City, but Jason will not provide any legal services for the City while working with our firm. Together, the attorneys at Donahue & Rose, PC have over 100 years of experience in providing legal services for various Illinois local governments.

Our new address is provided above. Our telephone numbers will stay the same. Our new email addresses are provided below our signatures. Our old email addresses should also remain active for several months.

We are grateful for the opportunity to provide the City's legal services. Our new law firm will allow us to continue to provide superior, cost-effective legal services to the City as economically, if not more so, as before.

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Thank you for your support and the continued opportunity to serve as the City Attorney.

Sincerely,

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