

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2023

**REGARDING: RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
MCGRANN SHEA CARNIVAL STRAUGHN & LAMB,
CHARTERED, CITYWIDE**

Requested Board Action

To approve the provision of legal services for the HRA from McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb, Chartered and execution of a master legal services agreement.

Background

The law firms of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered and Ballard Spahr LLP currently provide public finance legal services for the HRA in its development and redevelopment activities in consultation with the City Attorney's Office (CAO) under a Master Legal Services Agreement. To update the panel of outside law firms, the CAO researched interest and qualifications for Legal Services for both the HRA and the City. The CAO evaluated qualifications and based on their evaluation and interviews of various law firms, the CAO recommends the HRA Board of Commissioners engage the law firm of McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb, Chartered to provide public finance legal services for the HRA, at the direction of CAO.

The CAO is hereby submitting to the HRA Board of Commissioners for approval a master legal services agreement ("Master Legal Services Agreement") with McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb, Chartered for a duration of approximately fourteen (14) months commencing November 8, 2023, and ending December 31, 2024, with an optional one-year renewal period.

A copy of the Master Legal Services Agreement is on file in the office of the HRA Executive Director. The City is also a party to the Master Legal Services Agreement and the City Council, by resolution, will approve and authorize the execution of the Agreement.

Budget Action

No budget action is needed.

Recommendation:

The Executive Director recommends approval of the resolution authorizing the execution of a legal services agreement with McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb, Chartered.

Sponsored by: Chair Tolbert

Staff: Jenny Wolfe, 266-6680