



## Legislation Text

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Appointing Iverson Reuvers as Special Counsel for Purposes of Providing Legal Advice, Counsel, and Representation in Civil Lawsuits Involving the City.

WHEREAS, Section 5.02 of the Charter of the City of Saint Paul provides that in any case of special or unusual circumstances, the City Council, upon the request of the City Attorney may appoint special counsel to assist in providing for the legal business of the City; and

WHEREAS, due to a temporary staffing shortage within the Saint Paul City Attorney's Office, the City Attorney's Office lacks sufficient legal staff to provide the City of Saint Paul with timely representation necessary for the effective defense of civil lawsuits asserted against the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is a named defendant in several civil lawsuits involving assessment appeals, civil rights, personal injury, wrongful death, land use and other claims; and

WHEREAS, the provision of legal advice, counsel and representation in civil lawsuits involving municipal liability in assessment appeals, civil rights, personal injury, wrongful death, and land use claims requires very specialized and technical expertise for which the law firm of Iverson Reuvers is uniquely qualified in terms of expertise, experience, and skill; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney seeks City Council approval for the appointment of the law firm of Iverson Reuvers to serve as special counsel for the purpose of providing advice, counsel, and representation to the City of Saint Paul in these areas.