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Authorizing the City Attorney to retain Brian Grogan and the law firm of Moss & Barnett to represent the City in matters of cable television franchising, telecommunications and other specialized areas as necessary.

WHEREAS, Saint Paul City Charter § 5.02 permits the City, upon recommendation of the City Attorney and in the case of special or unusual circumstances, to appoint outside counsel to represent the City; and

WHEREAS, specialized skills are required in order for the City of Saint Paul, through its elected and appointed officials, to fully consider and take action on cable television franchising, telecommunications and other specialized areas as necessary; and

WHEREAS, Brian Grogan of Moss & Barnett is a local attorney who has demonstrated these specialized skills for many years and recently concluded successful franchise negotiations on behalf of the City with CenturyLink; and

WHEREAS, because of the special conditions regarding the need for specialized skills to evaluate and pursue these actions by the City Attorney, the City Attorney recommends the appointment of outside counsel for these matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's recommendation is that Brian Grogan of Moss & Barnett be retained to represent the City in these matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to retain Moss & Barnett (Brian Grogan, Esq., principal consultant) to represent the City in these matters under a separate legal services agreement which shall be consistent with the City Attorney's Office Policy Regarding Fees for Legal Services by Outside Counsel and the City Attorney's Office Policy and Procedure for Retaining Outside Legal Counsel. Legal Service fees for the said firm are to be taken from the approved budget set by Council for this initiative.

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