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Alder Tyisha Walker-Myers
President
24th Ward
Board of Alders
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: Howd & Ludorf LLC

Dear Honorable President:

Attached please find a copy of the package that will be submitted at the June 7, 2021 meeting of the Board of Alders.

I am requesting approval to increase the maximum compensation of the legal service agreement with the law firm of Howd & Ludorf LLC from \$99,500 to \$178,000 from line item 11331010-56696 effective immediately.

This law firm has submitted invoices that exceed its budget in accordance with its legal service agreement for this fiscal year. Howd's original contract was for \$99,500. We are requesting additional funds in the total maximum amount of \$78,5000 to cover the volume of work for the remainder of this fiscal year. This additional work was necessary due to the retirement of Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel Michael Wolak in February 2021. Attorney Wolak defended the City in many of the lawsuits alleging police misconduct and civil rights violations in state and federal court. Upon his retirement, seven cases were referred to Howd & Ludorf to continue the defense, due to lack of expertise and capacity to absorb all these cases in the Office of Corporation Counsel. Three new cases were referred to Howd & Ludorf that would have been assigned to Mike Wolak as well.

I shall be glad to answer any questions or to provide you with any other information concerning this Amendment. I can be reached directly at 203-668-9282. I thank you and hope for your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

Patricia King

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