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Resolution to Approve Ninth Amendment to Legal Services Contract with Dykema Gossett ($70,000.00)
City Council has approved contracts totaling $715,000.00 for the legal services of Melvin J. Muskovitz of the Dykema Gossett law firm dating from April 7, 2003. Mr. Muskovitz has been handling selected employment and labor law matters for the City.

The attached resolution is for the Ninth Amendment to the Dykema Gossett contract in the amount of $70,000.00. Mr. Muskovitz and others in his firm continue to handle an on-going matter concerning the Me Too arbitration as well as contributing to other labor and litigations matters, as needed.

Approval of the proposed resolution is recommended.
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Reviewed by: Stephen K. Postema, City Attorney
Approved by: Roger W. Fraser, City Administrator
Whereas, Section 5.2(c) of the Ann Arbor City Charter authorizes City Council, on the recommendation of the City Attorney, to retain special legal counsel to assist the City Attorney;

Whereas, Continued representation by the firm of Dykema Gossett is in the best interests of the City at this time based on the firm's general experience in providing legal services in labor matters and Melvin Muskovitz' previous experience in representing the City;

Whereas, The firm of Dykema Gossett has current Human Rights and Living Wage approvals; and

Whereas, Sufficient funds currently exist in the City Attorney's budget to meet anticipated legal fees not otherwise chargeable to the Insurance Fund.

RESOLVED, That the City Council approve the Ninth Amendment to the contract for legal services with the law firm of Dykema Gossett for an amount not to exceed Seventy Thousand dollars ($70,000.00.00) for a total contract amount of $785,000.00, irrespective of fiscal year; and

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the contract amendment with Dykema Gossett after approval as to form and substance by the City Attorney.