



Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE NO. 230908

Sponsor: Mayor Quinton Lucas

Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Legal and Professional Services Agreement(s) with outside counsel for the provision of legal and other advisory services relating to the City's good faith negotiations with the Kansas City Royals to stay in Kansas City; authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a third-party payor agreement whereby the Royals will directly pay the City's outside counsel for its legal and advisory services to the City; reducing the Contingent Appropriation by \$1,000.00 in the General Fund to increase outside legal consulting; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

WHEREAS, the Royals seek to relocate the team's stadium and are considering downtown Kansas City as a potential location; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2023, the City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 230656 expressing the Council's intent for the City to continue good faith negotiations with the Royals to stay in Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Royals are engaged in good faith negotiations regarding the Royals' potential stadium relocation; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes both the uniqueness of this issue and the complex and specialized nature of the multiple areas of law involved in such negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the Law Department has obtained professional services from local and national firms in complex matters where sufficient expertise and experience is necessary to achieve the best result for the City; NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute agreements with legal counsel to provide legal and other services and to retain external professional services related to negotiations with the Royals about a potential stadium relocation and related developments.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute agreements with the Kansas City Royals whereby the Royals will pay fees and expenses charged by legal counsel for legal and other professional services related to City negotiations with the Royals about a potential stadium relocation and related developments.

Section 3. That the appropriation in the following account of the General Fund is reduced by the following amount:

24-1000-179990-B	Contingent Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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Section 4. That the sum of \$1,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the General Fund, Fund No. 1000, to the following account:

24-1000-131506-B	Outside Attorney Consulting	\$1,000.00
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Section 5. That this ordinance, because it appropriates money, is hereby recognized as having an accelerated effective date pursuant to Section 503(a)(3)(C) of the Charter.

Section 6. That pursuant to Section 3-35(b)(5) and Section 3-437(b), Code of Ordinances, the Council hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the City to waive the contract solicitation and Article IV, Chapter 3 requirements otherwise set out in the Code of Ordinances as to the legal services agreements(s) and agreements related to the legal services agreement(s); and does hereby waive those requirements.

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I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.

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Tammy L. Queen  
Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

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Nelson V. Muñoz  
Deputy City Attorney