



Independent CITIZEN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

City of Pittsburgh
816 Fifth Avenue, Suite 400
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USA

October 18, 2022

The Honorable President and Members of Council
510 City-County Building
414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

RE: CPRB Solicitor's Contract Extension 2023 through 2025

Madam President and Members,

Enclosed is a proposed Resolution authorizing an extension of the contract between the City, on behalf of the Independent Citizen Police Review Board, and Rothman Gordon PC, for the professional legal services of William F. Ward, Esq. as the Board's Solicitor. The Board is authorized to hire a solicitor at §229(e) of the Charter and enabled by the City Code at §662.03.

The current contract with Mr. Ward expires on December 31, 2022. At their September 27, 2022, public meeting, the Board adopted unanimously a motion to extend the term of Mr. Ward's service through December 31, 2025.

The annual cost in each of the three years is limited to \$40,000 for services and \$5000 for expenses related to legal representation such as filing fees, and litigation expenses. The term total is not to exceed \$120,000 for service and \$15,000 contingency for expenses. The allocation schedule:

January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023: \$45,000, from the following account:
Item: 523440 Cost/Job: 999900.53517.2023
January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024: \$45,000, from the following account:
Item: 523440 Cost/Job: 999900.53517.2024
January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025: \$45,000, from the following account:
Item: 523440 Cost/Job: 999900.53517.2025

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Pittinger
Executive Director

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