



# MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** January 13, 2015

**CONSENT**

**ITEM #** 10

**AGENDA ITEM:** Appointment of Official City Attorney for 2015

**SUBMITTED BY:** Adam Bell, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk

**THROUGH:** Dean Zuleger, City Administrator

**REVIEWED BY:** Beckie Gumatz, Deputy Clerk

**SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Introduction of Item ..... City Administrator
- Report/Presentation.....City Administrator
- Questions from Council to Staff..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion ..... Mayor & City Council
- Discussion..... Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

**POLICY RECOMMENDER:** Staff

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:** The City Council is respectfully requested to appoint an official City Attorney. This official is contracted for legal advice. This appointment is not specifically required by statute or ordinance, but is consistent with past practice. No specific motion is needed as this item is part of the Consent Agenda. However, if Council chooses to remove this item from Consent, the recommended motions are as follows:

*“Move to appoint Mr. Dave Snyder, of Johnson & Turner, P.A., as the official City Attorney and principal provider of both civil and criminal legal services for 2015.”*

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** Mr. David Snyder of Johnson & Turner currently serves as the Official City Attorney for both civil and criminal legal services. At his last appointment, Mr. Snyder indicated that he would continue his services under the same terms and conditions as a previous agreement from 4/13/2009. This appointment would be a continuation of that previous agreement.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION (SWOT):**

**Strengths** Mr. Snyder is familiar with the City and its current needs. Johnson and Turner, P.A. currently meets the city's legal services needs at satisfactory levels.

**Weaknesses** City needs may change and other or additional services may be required. No proposals were sought or received from other parties.

**Opportunities** All contracting parties should look to identify areas where the City can save money or maximize services provided.

**Threats** There are no specific identifiable threats. As with all contract services, parties may terminate the services and the City would need to find a replacement.

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