

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 12BAKERHOSTETLERDATA

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Adopt a Resolution Ratifying the Retention of the Law Firm of Baker & Hostetler, LLP as Outside Legal Counsel to Provide Legal Representation Related to a Data Security Incident in an Amount Up to \$100,000.00

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution ratifying the retention of Baker & Hostetler, LLP as outside legal counsel to provide legal representation related to a data security incident in an amount up to \$100,000.00

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**DISCUSSION:**

The City Attorney's Office, in conjunction with Risk Management, retained the law firm of Baker & Hostetler, LLP (Baker) as outside legal counsel to assist with a recent data security incident. On or about June 23, 2023, the City learned about a data breach affecting information contained in an internal information system named Vueworks, which is not part of the City's website. Upon learning of the data breach, the City began investigating the incident immediately, which included, among other things, engaging legal counsel at Baker to advise the City on the associated legal issues.

Because this was a unique and critical situation that required the action of specialized legal expertise in a complex and difficult legal field, and because Baker had the experience necessary to advise the City about the legal issues associated with data security incidents, the City engaged Baker for legal advice. The City Attorney is now requesting that the City Council ratify that action by adopting the attached resolution.

Legal fees are not expected to exceed \$100,000.00.

Funding is budgeted in the Risk Management Fund.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that this action will have no material effect on City funds.

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