

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
OFFICE OF
THE MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR**

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. DN
6/21/2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor

Joint Resolution approving a Comprehensive Retainer Agreement with the Oklahoma City Municipal Facilities Authority and the Collins Zorn Wagner law firm for legal defense of City employees, not to exceed \$300,000, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Pursuant to an agreement with the City, the OCMFA has authority and responsibility to enter into retainer agreements with various attorneys who are highly skilled in the defense of claims that may be filed against City employees.

The Municipal Counselor's Office has developed a panel of qualified attorneys and has previously prepared retainer agreements with the Collins Zorn Wagner firm and with Margaret McMorrow-Love. The terms of these retainer agreements provide for outside counsel to provide legal services and representation to City employees, if City Council approves the hiring of outside counsel. The Agreement includes legal services of Christopher James Collins, and Stacey Haws Felkner, all of which are attorneys at the law firm Collins Zorn Wagner. The contract provides a not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000.00. The firm of Collins Zorn Wagner currently provide legal defense for City employees in many lawsuits. The term of the contract will allow for continued representation.