

MOTION

NO. M-18- 540

CITY HALL: December 20, 2017

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, HEAD, GUIDRY, BROSSETT AND GRAY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-130 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans, the New Orleans City Council exercises powers of supervision, regulation and control over electric and gas utilities providing service in the City; and

WHEREAS, to address the complex legal and technical issues necessary to properly meet its responsibility, the Council has selected consulting firm advisors, in accordance with the competitive selection process required by the Home Rule Charter and established by Council Rule 45; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Motion M-17-14 and the terms of the Request for Qualifications issued on July 29, 2016, the City Council authorized the retention of the law firms Dentons US LLP and Wilkerson and Associates, PLC, to provide electric and/or natural gas utility legal consulting services to the City Council for an initial maximum annual amount as negotiated by the Council, for a total period of up to five years renewable on an annual basis.; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to authorize and appropriate contract amendment(s) for further extension of the law firms Dentons US LLP and Wilkerson and Associates, PLC, to provide legal consulting services to the Council in electric and gas utility regulatory matters, to assist in meeting the Council's regulatory responsibility to the City and its ratepayers in 2019, and to increase the maximum compensation by \$3,037,500.00 for Dentons US LLP and \$600,000.00 for Wilkerson and Associates, PLC; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the

President of the Council is hereby authorized to sign appropriate contract amendment(s) with the law firms Dentons US LLP and Wilkerson and Associates, PLC, to provide legal consulting services to the Council in electric and gas utility regulatory matters for a one year period beginning January 1, 2019, for maximum compensation of \$3,037,500.00 for Dentons US LLP for said year and for maximum compensation of \$600,000.00 for Wilkerson and Associates, PLC, for said year.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That such contract amendment(s) shall be properly routed in accordance with normal process and the City Council Rules.

THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.