



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance and Financial Management
AGENDA DATE: October 27, 2021
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): N/A
DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office
EXECUTIVE: Christopher J. Caso

SUBJECT

Authorize **(1)** a professional services contract with Kirkland & Ellis LLP to provide legal services to the City of Dallas including an investigation of, and report about, data loss involving City of Dallas Information and Technology Services Department employee(s) migrating Dallas Police Department and City Secretary's Office files from an online cloud-based archive to a server for the time period of January 21, 2021 through April 1, 2021, and any other data loss reported; **(2)** an increase in appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$548,450 in the Liability Reserve Fund; and **(3)** a transfer in an amount not to exceed \$548,450 from General Fund Contingency to the Liability Reserve Fund - Not to exceed \$548,450.00 - Financing: Liability Reserve Fund (see Fiscal Information)

BACKGROUND

On August 18, 2021, City Council was briefed in a closed session about legal issues and security assessment related to information resources technology/data loss from the Dallas Police Department's network drive.

On September 10, 2021, the Ad Hoc Committee on General Investigating and Ethics ("Committee") heard an update on the status of the city's data loss recover efforts and report about any newly discovered data loss as well as considering hiring a third-party law firm to complete an impartial comprehensive investigation of, and report about, the city's data loss. The Committee moved that the city attorney conduct a request for submittals and provide the top three law firms for the Committee to interview and recommend a firm to City Council.

On October 14, 2021, the Committee interviewed three law firms with cybersecurity and data management and protection experience to investigate the data loss involving City of Dallas Information and Technology Services Department employees migrating Dallas Police Department and City Secretary's Office files from an online cloud-based archive to a server for the time period of January 21, 2021 through April 1, 2021, and any other data loss reported, and recommended Kirkland & Ellis LLP to City Council.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

City Council was briefed regarding this matter on August 18, 2021.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Funding includes a transfer from General Fund Contingency Reserve.

Fund	FY 2022	FY 2023	Future Years
Liability Reserve Fund	\$548,450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

OWNER

Kirkland & Ellis LLP