

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2013-0240

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Law	A Resolution authorizing retention of the law firm of Thompson Hine LLP as legal counsel in connection with the Convention Center Hotel Project in the amount not-to-exceed \$880,000.00 for the period 11/1/2013 - 9/1/2016; authorizing the Director of Law to execute the Engagement Letter and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County retained Thompson Hine LLP on or about March 12, 2012, as amended, to represent the County in connection with the Convention Center and Medical Mart (now Global Center for Health Innovation Project); and,

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to continue the firm's legal services in connection with the Convention Center Hotel; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that the time-sensitive project can continue proceeding on schedule and that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. County Council hereby approves the retention of Thompson Hine LLP as legal counsel for the Convention Center Hotel project for the period November 1, 2013, through September 1, 2016, at an amount not to exceed \$880,000.00, and authorizes the Law Director to execute an Engagement Letter with Thompson Hine LLP for same. To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Law Director and Assistant County Prosecutor Gregory Huth for the Prosecutor to secure a journal entry from the Court of Common Pleas approving this retention.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally

Nays: Greenspan

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 22, 2013

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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