SUBJECT: A Resolution Appointing Katherine Wisinski as Interim City Attorney

DEPARTMENTS: Human Resources
City Attorney's Office

**CITY COUNCIL/
STAFF:** Joel Bryant, Mayor
Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor
Sukari Beshears, Director of Human Resources/Risk Manager
Damien Brower, City Attorney

TITLE/RECOMMENDATION

To ensure the City has dedicated internal legal services, the proposed action adopts a Resolution appointing Katherine Wisinski as Interim City Attorney; it also authorizes a temporary five percent (5%) salary increase for her services as Interim City Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT

The costs associated with this interim appointment have been budgeted in the adopted Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operating Budget under the City Attorney's Office and will come from the salary savings associated with City Attorney Damien Brower's retirement.

BACKGROUND

With Mr. Brower's retirement effective December 30, 2023, and the extension of the recruitment for his position, it is appropriate to appoint an Interim City Attorney until the recruitment process concludes, the Council appoints a City Attorney, and employment commences.

On December 4, 2023, the City Council authorized its negotiators, Mayor Joel Bryant and Vice Mayor Susannah Meyer, to discuss with Assistant City Attorney Katherine Wisinski terms associated with her possible appointment as Interim City Attorney.

The attached resolution memorializes Ms. Wisinski's appointment and provides her with a temporary five percent (5%) salary increase for her service as Interim City Attorney. This temporary salary increase is standard practice in these circumstances and reflects the additional duties that Ms. Wisinski will undertake as Interim City Attorney.

This staff report and resolution have been reviewed and approved by outside legal counsel that specializes in employment law.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Not Applicable.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Resolution