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To: Council President Spencer and Members of City Council

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Re: City Attorney Input on Item No. 20 Pertaining to Procurement of Outside Legal Services

Item No. 20 to be considered for City Council approval on first reading at the July 13, 2017 City Council meeting proposes an amendment to Section 3-3-2 of the City Code. As you are aware, the most recently proposed amendment to Section 3-3-2 of the City Code was withdrawn from the June 8, 2017 City Council agenda.

You may have noted that the proposed ordinance on City Council's agenda today differs from the June 8, 2017 proposed ordinance. The current version incorporates some of the requirements of Section 287.056, Florida State Statutes into the proposed ordinance. The statutory requirements applicable to the State of Florida and its various and diverse agencies are not applicable to the City of Pensacola.

I have previously provided information by way of a memorandum dated June 3, 2017 to assist City Council in its consideration of the June 8, 2017 proposed ordinance, which you will find attached to the legislative item. This memorandum outlines the City's specific controls and procedures utilized in procuring outside legal services to ensure accountability, control and transparency. In my opinion, these specific controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that the outside legal fees are reasonable, competitive and commensurate with the level of expertise that is required and are in the best interest of the City.

Thank you,

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