

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Risk Management Legal Services
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues for Fiscal Year 2027.
INITIATED BY:	Risk Management/ Human Resources

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues for Fiscal Year 2027.

Background: Risk Management legal services are billed separately from both City Attorney's legal fees and workers' compensation TPA services.

Analysis: The law firms identified in the Resolution are among the best workers' compensation and litigation defense firms in the State of Georgia. These firms have agreed to provide services to CCG at the same rate currently in effect.

Financial Considerations: None.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney's office has approved the language of this Resolution.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the Resolution for payment of Risk Management legal expenses that may be incurred in Fiscal Year 2027.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES WHICH MAY BE INCURRED FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED REGARDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2027.

WHEREAS, Risk Management utilizes the services of attorneys specializing in Workers' Compensation and liability issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the Risk Manager and Finance Director are hereby authorized to pay attorney fees to Moore Ingram Johnson & Steele, and/or Levy, Sibley, Foreman & Speir, and/or Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, and/or Handelman, Nestale & Goff, and/or Hall Booth Smith which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues during Fiscal Year 2027. Funds are available in the FY27 Budget: Risk Management Workers' Compensation Contractual Services: 0860-220-3820-3024-6319 and Risk Management Unfunded Claims Legal Services: 0860-220-3830-3484-6312.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the ____ day of June 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Anker voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor