

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND HERVAS, CONDON & BERSANI FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION AND FORENSIC AUDIT OF THE CREST HILL EVENTS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, have the authority to adopt resolutions and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to the City's government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-2-12 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/2-2-12), the City Council possesses the authority to enter into contracts that serve the legitimate corporate purposes of the City; and

WHEREAS, HERVAS, CONDON & BERSANI, P.C. is a law firm which provides legal services to municipalities and has on previous occasions represented the City of Crest Hill with respect to litigation and other matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to have the forensic audit of the Crest Hill Events Committee performed and has by separate resolution approved the engagement of KETCHUM ADVISORY, LLC to perform a forensic audit of the Crest Hill Events Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has also determined to approve the engagement of the law firm of HERVAS, CONDON & BERSANI, P.C. to provide legal services to the City of Crest Hill relating to the investigation and forensic audit of the Crest Hill Events Committee and to authorize HERVAS, CONDON & BERSANI, P.C. to engage KETCHUM ADVISORY, LLC directly pursuant to a separately approved engagement letter and proposal; and

WHEREAS, HERVAS, CONDON & BERSANI, P.C. has provided an engagement letter for the legal services to be provided relating to the investigation of the Crest Hill Events Committee from its inception through 2026 (the "Engagement Letter"). A copy of the Engagement Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A and fully incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Engagement Letter and determined that the conditions, terms, and provisions of the Agreement are fair, reasonable, and acceptable to the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Crest Hill, Illinois, pursuant to its statutory authority, as follows:

SECTION 1: PREAMBLE. The City Council hereby finds that all the recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are true, correct and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2: AGREEMENT APPROVED. The City Council hereby finds and declares that the conditions, terms, and provisions of the Engagement Letter (Exhibit A) are fair, reasonable, and acceptable to the City and that the same is hereby approved in form and substance. Therefore, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to execute the Engagement Letter and further to further to take any and all other actions, including without limitation the execution and delivery of any and all documents, necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, which is to retain the services of HERVAS, CONDON & BERSANI, P.C. relating to the investigation and forensic audit of the Crest Hill Events Committee.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

SECTION 4: REPEALER. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval, as provided by law.

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PASSED THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Alderman Scott Dyke	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Angelo Deserio	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderwoman Claudia Gazal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Darrell Jefferson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderperson Tina Oberlin	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Mark Cipiti	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Nate Albert	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Joe Kubal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Raymond R. Soliman	_____	_____	_____	_____

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

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April 28, 2026

VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: Investigation

Dear Mr. Wing:

Pursuant to the City Council's approval yesterday, this letter will confirm that the City has engaged my law firm to render legal services relating to an investigation into the Crest Hill Events Committee (the "Events Committee"). The scope of the investigation will include interviewing witnesses, reviewing documents, conducting legal research, and providing legal counsel and advice based on our findings.

All services provided by our firm are intended to be confidential and protected by the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine. The City agrees to take all necessary steps to maintain the confidentiality of our communications and work product.

It will be necessary to retain a forensic accountant to assist in the investigation. The City Council has separately approved the retention Ketchum Advisory to assist us in the investigation. Our firm will retain Ketchum Advisory directly to ensure their work is covered by the attorney-client privilege. All expenses invoiced by Ketchum Advisory will be paid by the City directly.

The billing rate for my firm is as follows: \$250/hour for partners; \$205/hour for associates; \$100/hour for paralegals. My firm bills monthly and provides itemized billing invoices. Billing is done in increments of one-tenth per hour. Reimbursable costs include travel time at the current IRS rate per mile, photocopying and facsimile, copies at ten cents per page, online and legal research charges, and independent consultant charges.

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Please return a signed copy of this engagement letter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

HERVAS, CONDON & BERSANI, P.C.



Michael D. Bersani

MDB/tjs

I accept and agree to the above engagement.

Blaine Wing, City Administrator

Date: _____