

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ AS
SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF CREST HILL FOR LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT AND APPROVAL OF AN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH
_____ FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

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, pursuant to Section 3.1-30-5(a) of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/3.1-30-5(a)), the Mayor is authorized to appoint, subject to the advice and consent of the City Council, any and all officers necessary to carry into effect the powers conferred upon the City by the constitution and laws of the State of Illinois, including legal counsel to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council previously exercised this grant of authority to engage a law firm to serve as its special counsel for labor and employment; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Corporate Authorities determined to put out a Request for Qualifications for special counsel to the City of Crest Hill for labor and employment; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that special counsel (for labor and employment matters) should be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City previously received multiple responses to its 2025 Request For Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, following interviews of several law firms which submitted responses to the Request For Qualifications, the Mayor of the City of Crest Hill has appointed the law firm of _____ to be Special Counsel to the City of Crest Hill for labor and employment matters; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that the appointment of _____ be Special Counsel to the City of Crest Hill for labor and employment matters; should be approved and is in the best interests of the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, _____ has prepared and submitted a written engagement agreement which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have reviewed the terms of the engagement agreement (Exhibit A) and have determined that its conditions, terms, and provisions are fair, reasonable, and acceptable to the City and should also be approved.

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: _____ **APPOINTMENT APPROVED.** The City Council hereby approves the appointment of _____ as special counsel to the City of Crest Hill for labor and employment.

SECTION 3: ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED. The City Council hereby finds and declares that the conditions, terms, and provisions of the Engagement Agreement (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 and directs the Mayor to execute and deliver, and the Clerk to attest, the Engagement Agreement and 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 engage _____ as special counsel to the City of Crest Hill for labor and employment.

SECTION 4: 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 5: 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 6: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

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PASSED THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 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 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

Exhibit A
(Engagement Agreement)