

# APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY, APPROVAL OF CITY ATTORNEY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE SETTING CITY ATTORNEY COMPENSATION

City Council Meeting April 18, 2017

Rhonda McKinnon, Interim Human Resources Director

#### BACKGROUND

- City Attorney Caroline Fowler resigned her position as City Attorney effective June 17, 2016.
- On June 14, 2016, the City Council appointed Molly Dillon, Assistant City Attorney, as the Interim City Attorney.
- On June 28, 2016, the City Council appointed Teresa Stricker and the law firm of Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai, LLP to provide Interim City Attorney services while the City conducted an assessment of the City Attorney's office and issued a recruitment for the permanent City Attorney Position.

### BACKGROUND

 After a nationwide recruitment process and candidate interviews, the City Council announced on March 28, 2017, that it had voted unanimously to appoint Sue Gallagher as the City Attorney subject to reaching satisfactory terms and conditions for an employment contract.

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- Ms. Gallagher has agreed to the terms and conditions set forth in the Employment Agreement

   City Attorney attached to the Resolution. The term of the agreement will commence on May 8, 2017 and continue until terminated as provided in the contract.
- The City Charter requires that the compensation of the City Attorney be established by ordinance. A Proposed Ordinance is included for adoption by the council.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council, by resolution, appoint Sue Gallagher to the office of City Attorney and approve an Employment Agreement for the City Attorney position. It is further recommended that the Council, by ordinance, establish the salary for the City Attorney.

# QUESTIONS?