RESOLUTION NO. 19 , 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH FROST BROWN TODD, LLC TO PROVIDE SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City does desire to engage special counsel to assist in negotiating Collective Bargaining Agreements and to handle labor and employment issues; and

WHEREAS, the Law Director and the Administration recommend the City retain the services of Frost Brown Todd, LLC as such special counsel.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Montgomery, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with Frost Brown Todd, LLC according to the terms in the Letter of Engagement attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein by reference. The Administration is authorized to pay Frost Brown Todd, LLC according to the schedule of fees outlined in the Letter of Engagement for the purposes of providing assistance to the City in labor negotiations.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect the earliest opportunity as allowable by law.

PASSED: June 3, 2009

ATTEST: Susan J. Hamm
Susan J. Hamm, Clerk of Council

Gerri Harbison
Gerri Harbison, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Terrence M. Donnellon, Law Director

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May 12, 2009

Ms. Cheryl Hilvert, City Manager
City of Montgomery
10101 Montgomery Road
Montgomery, Ohio 45242

Re: General Labor and Employment

Dear Ms. Hilvert:

We are pleased that you have asked Frost Brown Todd to serve as your counsel in this matter. This letter will confirm our discussion with you regarding your engagement of our firm and will describe the basis upon which our firm will provide legal services to you. Accordingly, we submit for your approval the following provisions governing our engagement. If you are in agreement, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter in the space provided below. If you have any questions about these provisions, do not hesitate to call. Again, we are pleased to have the opportunity to serve you.

Client; Scope of Representation. Our client in this matter will be the City of Montgomery (the "City"). We will be engaged to advise the City in connection with general labor and employment matters, including negotiations. You may limit or expand the scope of our representation from time to time, provided that any substantial expansion must be agreed to by us. While we would be interested in assisting you in other matters, unless we are specifically engaged for some other future matter this will confirm that our representation of you is limited to the foregoing matter and will end when it is concluded.

Fees. Our fees are based primarily upon the time expended by our attorneys and paralegals on the engagement, including attorney and paralegal travel time which is charged at regular hourly rates. Attorneys and paralegals have been assigned hourly rates based upon their experience and level of expertise. The rates of those attorneys likely to work on this matter range from $350.00 in the case of Donald L. Crain to $245.00 in the case of myself. Our hourly rates are reviewed periodically and may be increased from time to time.

Potential Conflicts. As we have discussed, you are aware that our firm represents many other companies and individuals. This can create situations where work for one client on a matter might preclude us from assisting other clients on unrelated matters. It is possible that during the time that we are representing the City, some of our present or future clients will have disputes or transactions with the City. In order to avoid the potential for this kind of restriction on our practice, the City agrees that we may continue to represent or may undertake in the future to represent existing or new clients in any matter that is not substantially related to matters in which we have represented the City, even if the interests of such clients in those other matters are directly adverse to yours. We do not intend, however, for you to waive your right to have our firm maintain confidences or secrets that you transmit to our firm, and we agree not to disclose them to any third party without your consent. We would, of course, take appropriate steps to insure that such information is kept confidential by us.

ABA Statement of Policy. We wish to inform the City, and the City acknowledges, that it is our firm's policy to comply strictly with the terms of the ABA Statement of Policy Regarding Lawyers' Responses to Auditors' Requests for Information (December 1975) in any response that the City requests we make to the City's auditors regarding "loss contingencies" affecting the City.

Additional Standard Terms. Our engagement is also subject to the policies included in the enclosed memorandum.

We appreciate the opportunity to represent you. If these terms of our engagement are acceptable to you, please return a signed copy of this letter to me in the enclosed envelope. Our representation of you will commence upon receipt of the signed engagement letter.

We look forward very much to working with you on this matter.

Very truly yours,

FROST BROWN TODD LLC

Joe Scholl

W. Joseph Scholler

The foregoing is understood and accepted:
CITY OF MONTGOMERY

By:_____
Print Name:_____
Print Title:_____

cc: Terry Donnellon, Esq., Law Director
Wayne Davis
Susan Hamm

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ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CLIENT ENGAGEMENTS

1. Expenses. Expenses we incur on the engagement are charged to the Client's account. Expenses include such items as court costs, charges for computerized research services and the use of our facsimile and photocopying machines, long distance telephone, travel expenses, messenger service charges, overnight mail or delivery charges, extraordinary administrative support, filing fees, fees of court reporters and charges for depositions, fees for expert witnesses and other expenses we incur on your behalf. Our charges for these services reflect our actual out-of-pocket costs based on usage, and in some areas may also include our related administrative expenses.

2. Monthly Statements. Unless a different billing period is agreed upon with the Client, the Firm will render monthly statements indicating the current status of the account as to both fees and expenses. The statements shall be payable upon receipt. If statements are not paid in full within 30 days, we reserve the right to add a late charge of 1% per month of the amount due. If it becomes necessary for the Firm to file suit or to engage a collection agency for the collection of fees or expenses, the Client shall pay all related costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

3. Advance Payments. Any advance payment to be paid by the Client will normally be less than the Firm's ultimate fees and expenses. Such a payment or series of payments is not intended as a limitation upon the Firm's fees and expenses. The Firm may apply the advance payment toward any unpaid fees and expenses, in which event the Client shall make an additional deposit to restore the advance payment to its original level. Additional advance payments must be made within fifteen days of the date the request is made. Any unexpended balance of advance payments will be refunded to the Client, without interest, at the end of this engagement.

4. Litigation Matters. If this engagement involves litigation, the Client may be required to pay the opposing party's trial costs. Such costs include filing fees, witness fees, and fees for depositions and documents used at trial. We will not settle litigated matters without the Client's express consent. We require the Client's active participation in all phases of the case.

5. Termination. The Client has the right to terminate our representation at any time by notifying us of your intention to do so in writing. We will have the same right, subject to an obligation to give the Client reasonable notice to arrange alternative representation. In the event that either party should elect to terminate our relationship, our fees and expenses incurred up to that point still will be due to us. Upon payment to us of any balance due for fees and expenses, we will return to the Client, or to whomever the Client directs, any property or papers of the Client in our possession. We will retain our files pertaining to any matters on which we have been engaged to represent the Client.

6. Withdrawal. Under the rules of professional conduct by which we are governed, we may withdraw from our representation of the Client in the event of, for example: nonpayment of our fees and expenses; misrepresentation or failure to disclose material facts concerning the engagement; action taken by the Client contrary to our advice; and in situations involving a conflict of interest with another client. If such a situation occurs, which we do not expect, we will promptly give the Client written notice of our intention to withdraw.

7. Post-Engagement Services. The Client is engaging our Firm to provide legal services in connection with a specific matter. After completion of that matter, changes may occur in the applicable laws or regulations that could have an impact on the Client's future rights and liabilities. Unless the Client engages us after completion of the matter to provide additional advice on issues arising from the matter, the Firm has no continuing obligation to advise the Client with respect to future legal developments.

8. Parent/Subsidiary/Affiliate Relationships. The Client may be a subsidiary of a parent organization or may itself have subsidiary or affiliated organizations. The Client agrees that the Firm's representation of the Client in this matter does not give rise to an attorney-client relationship between the Firm and any parent, subsidiary or affiliate of the Client (any of them being referred to as "Affiliate"). The Firm, during the course of its representation of the Client, will not be given any confidential information regarding any of the Client's Affiliates. Accordingly, representation of the Client in this matter will not give rise to any conflict of interest in the event other clients of the Firm are adverse to any of the Client's Affiliates.

9. Authorization. By the Client's agreement to these terms of our representation, the Client authorizes us to take any and all action we deem advisable on the Client's behalf on this matter. We will, whenever possible, discuss with the Client in advance any significant actions we intend to take.