



RESOLUTION 2015-010

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO BEGIN A PROCESS TO TRANSITION CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY ATTORNEYS OFFICE, CREATE JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND REVIEW BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, Section 35 of the Sherwood City Charter establishes the office of the City Attorney as the chief legal counsel of the city government; and

WHEREAS, Section 35 of the Sherwood City Charter further states that the City Attorney shall be either an employee of the City or a firm under a written contract approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney is one of the four appointed officials by the City Council per the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the current City Attorney has been the law firm of Beery, Elsner and Hammond since the Sherwood City Council appointed the firm through Resolution 2003-027 on March 25, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Sherwood City Council believes that providing City Attorney services by City employees is the preferred alternative at this juncture; and

WHEREAS, the Sherwood City Council acknowledges the importance of a smooth transition from our current contracted City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the first step in this transition is to hire employees to staff the City Attorney's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SHERWOOD RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Manager shall take all necessary steps to transition from contracted City Attorney services to employees of the City Attorney's Office.

Section 2. Until such time that the City Council appoints a new City Attorney, the current law firm will continue to serve as City Attorney as stipulated in the contract.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon its approval and adoption.

Duly passed by the City Council this 20th day of January 2015.


Krisanna Clark, Mayor

Attest:


Sylvia Murphy, MMC, City Recorder