

#### Legislative File No: 2008-0076

TO:	Mayor and City Council Members
FROM:	Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Development, ext. 2572
DATE:	March 7, 2008
SUBJECT:	Request for Increase in Purchase Order for Specialized Legal Services

### **REQUEST:**

The Planning and Development Department respectfully requests an increase of \$20,000 in the Blanket Purchase Order for Specialized Legal Services with Siebert and Dloski, PC. The increase would extend the Purchase Order to a new Not-to-Exceed amount of \$70,000 through December 31, 2008.

### **REASON FOR PURCHASE:**

As Council is aware, the services of Mr. Larry Dloski were retained upon recommendation of John Staran to provide specialized legal services in matters of Right-Of-Way condemnation proceedings regarding several parcels for the Adams Road relocation project. Mr. Dloski's services began in late 2004 and he has brought closure to 6 of the 7 parcels that he has worked on. Only one remains as discussed with Council on March 3, 2008.

The initial Blanket Purchase Order was approved by the City Council for \$20,000. This blanket has been increased twice. Once by Mayor Somerville (for \$20,000) and once by Mayor Barnett (for \$10,000) in the manner prescribed in the Purchasing Ordinance. With the Mayor's authority limited to \$50,000, an approval by Council is now necessary. Mr. Dloski advised in early February that he did not expect his fees to exceed \$20,000 for the two remaining parcels. Parcel 11 has since been resolved but Mr. Dloski's fees have not been paid. It must also be pointed out that this Blanket Purchase Order for Mr. Dloski also includes appraisal services to update the original appraisals and serve as expert witnesses in court.

### **PROCESS:**

### Vendor Name and Address:

Siebert & Dloski, P.C. 19500 Hall Road Suite 101 Clinton Township, Michigan 48038

#### **Reason for Selection:**

The firm of Siebert and Dloski has been providing specialized legal service since 2004 and there remains one parcel to resolve regarding the Adams Road Right-of-Way.

### **Method of Purchase:**

Contract Extension/Blanket Purchase Order

# **BUDGET:**

The amount of \$20,000 was estimated last summer knowing then that two remaining parcels were scheduled to go to trial in January 2008. Costs may be capitalized with MR-05 project as opposed to expensed to 801000.

	Department	Account No.	Budget		Remaining
Fund Name	Account No	Description	Amount	Cost	Budget
LDFA	848-801000	<b>Professional Services</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	0

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning and Development Department recommends that the Rochester Hills City Council authorize an extension of the contract for legal services to Siebert & Dloski, P.C., Clinton Township, Michigan and an increase in the blanket purchase order in the amount of \$20,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$70,000 through December 31, 2008.

### **RESOLUTION**

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### **<u>RETURN TO AGENDA</u>**

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