

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**APPROVAL TO RENEW THE GENERAL COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICE CONTRACT
WITH RICHARD H. NASH III**

Item No. 5C

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) periodically requires general counsel legal services; and

WHEREAS, LMHA's Operating Budget exists to accommodate General Counsel Legal Services when required in the course of agency operations; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2022, LMHA staff, in accordance with LMHA Procurement Policies, awarded a contract to Richard H. Nash III, Attorney at Law to provide the requisite legal services for a period of one year; and

WHEREAS, the contract awarded to Richard H. Nash III, Attorney at Law included an option provision whereby LMHA may renew the contract up to four additional one-year terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Executive Director and Contracting Officer, Elizabeth Strojan, is hereby authorized to exercise the second option to renew the contract for General Counsel Legal Services Contract with Richard H. Nash III, Attorney at Law in the amount not to exceed \$75,000, for the contract period April 18, 2024 to April 17, 2025.

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I. STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) periodically requires legal services in the course of agency operations. On April 18, 2022, LMHA awarded the General Counsel Legal Services to Richard H. Nash III, Attorney at Law. The original contract, based on an annual fee not to exceed \$75,000, included an option allowing LMHA to renew the contract for four additional one-year terms. The original contract will expire on April 17, 2024, unless LMHA exercises the second option to renew.

Staff has been pleased with the performance of Richard H. Nash III, Attorney at Law, and upon completion of the Contract Renewal Evaluation Form, the firm has obtained an “Above Average” (Above Average/Average/Below Average) rating from the Staff.

LMHA now has the opportunity to renew the contract for another year. The amount expended from this contract in the past is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount Spent</u>	
2022	\$57,123.15	(Original Contract)
2023	\$63,591.90 (est. Jan. 2024)	(First Renewal)

Exercising the option will also save LMHA the considerable time and expense of preparing and advertising a new contract. A LMHA Procurement Committee (Matthew Swain, Phil Reidinger and James Hendrick) has reviewed this renewal and make a recommendation to renew the contract for the original fee not to exceed \$75,000.00.

II. ALTERNATIVES:

- A. Approve the renewal contract for General Legal Counsel to Richard H. Nash III, Attorney at Law, in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.
- B. Do not approve award of the contract at this time.

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III. RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Alternative "A."

IV. JUSTIFICATION:

- The General Counsel Legal Service Contract will provide an attorney to protect the interests of the LMHA.
- Richard H. Nash III, Attorney at Law, is qualified to perform the needed services as demonstrated by current and past experiences.
- The original \$125 hourly rate proposed by Richard H. Nash III, Attorney at Law, which were reviewed by staff and found to be reasonable and acceptable, will not change in this renewal option.
- Staff completed the Contract Renewal Evaluation Form. This firm received an overall rating of Above Average (Above Average/ Average/Below Average) from Staff.
- Richard H. Nash III, Attorney at Law is a third-generation lawyer who has served as LMHA's Legal Counsel since January 2009. Mr. Nash has been licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky since October 5, 2004, and is in good standing with the Kentucky Bar Association, with no history of disciplinary action.
- LMHA can enjoy the full benefit of the option clause by executing a simple one-year contract renewal.

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V. BUDGET APPROVAL:

Funding for this contract is provided from the Operating Budget.

Jeffrey Ralph, Director of Finance

Date

VI. PROCUREMENT CERTIFICATION:

The procurement of this contract is in compliance with the Louisville Metro Housing Authority's procurement policies and procedures.

Steven Webb, Purchasing Agent

Date

Prepared and Submitted by:

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Capital Improvements
February 20, 2024