Introduced November 8, 2022, by Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilman Tamborella, (by request of Administration)

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A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Slidell to engage, on behalf of the City of Slidell, the Thornhill Law Firm, APLC, to provide the City with counsel and legal representation on matters related to the legality of wagering on historical horse racing and similar gaming within the City of Slidell.

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Louisiana Legislature amended certain state laws to purportedly allow historical horse racing at licensed offtrack wagering facilities; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial questions about the legality of such action by the Louisiana Legislature in light of State Constitutional restrictions, past voting results in St. Tammany Parish, and the nature of historical horse race wagering; and

WHEREAS, the Thornhill Law Firm, APLC, is able and competent to assist the City of Slidell in addressing the legality of such action and operations, at a reasonable rate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that, pursuant to Charter Section 4-02.D., the Mayor of the City of Slidell is hereby authorized to execute a legal services contract with the Thornhill Law Firm, APLC, to provide the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, with counsel and legal representation, including through suit, on matters related to the legality of wagering on historical horse racing and similar gaming within the City of Slidell.

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ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 2022.

Bill Borchert

President of the Council Councilman at-Large

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator