Introduced January 22, 2019, by Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Borchert, (by request of Administration)

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A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Slidell to execute a Legal Services Contract with Lawrence E. Abbott, Esq. and Cotton Schmidt & Abbott, Attorneys at Law, relating to City of Slidell versus Purdue Pharma L.P., *et al.*

WHEREAS, City recognizes the devastating effect opioids have had on our community; and

WHEREAS, City has previously appointed the Law Office of Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, LLC to represent the City against the opioid manufactures; and

WHEREAS, the Law Office of Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, LLC has notified the City that they are unable to continue representation in this matter; and

WHEREAS, City desires to appoint Lawrence E. Abbott, Esq. and Cotton Schmidt & Abbott, Attorneys at Law, to replace the Law Firm of Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, LLC in said matter under the same terms and condition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell desires to employ legal counsel having expertise in this matter.

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that, pursuant to Charter Section 4-02(D), the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Legal Services Contract with Lawrence E. Abbott, Esq. and Cotton Schmidt & Abbott, Attorneys at Law, to represent the City relating to City of Slidell versus Purdue Pharma L.P., et al.

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ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 2019.

Kim Harbison

President of the Council Councilwoman, District F

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator