

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Siemen, Figura and Parker, PLC, Agreement.

Recommendation:

I recommend approval of the Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Siemen, Figura and Parker, PLC. This contract is subject to approval by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

Justification:

The School District of the City of Saginaw filed a lawsuit on May 15, 2008 against the City of Saginaw and Bannum, Inc. contesting the approval of the Community Residential Reentry Center at 2209 Norman. The City has selected attorneys Richard J. Figura and Michael J. Gildner of the law firm of Siemen, Figura and Parker, PLC. to represent it in this matter. Many of the law firms in the Saginaw area have conflicts of interest, and this firm has extensive experience in zoning and other areas of municipal law. The rate of compensation to Siemen, Figura and Parker, PLC will be at \$100 per hour.

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that the recommendation from the City Attorney be approved, and that the City Attorney is authorized to execute this agreement.