## **RESOLUTION NO. 1695**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE FIVE ETHICS COMPLAINTS FILED IN FEBRUARY 2006

- WHEREAS, Section 9.1 of the Home Rule Charter authorizes City Council to appoint special counsel; and
- WHEREAS, by letter dated February 14, 2006, Marian L. Olson filed 5 complaints pursuant to Section 2.32.130 of the Golden Municipal Code alleging violations of the Golden Municipal Code by current and former Councilmembers, the City Attorney, and the City Manager; and
- WHEREAS, because the complaints assert violations by the City Attorney and City Manager, it would inappropriate for either to investigate the complaints, and it is therefore necessary to appoint special counsel; and
- WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 1665 adopted on March 9, 2006, City Council authorized a search to locate special counsel for the purpose advising Council on the pending complaints; and
- WHEREAS, by Agreement dated June 7, 2006 between the City and Murray, Dahl, Kuechenmeister & Renaud (the "Law Firm"), the City retained the Law Firm as special counsel for the purpose of providing written guidance and recommendation on the appropriate procedure that the City should follow in responding to the complaints; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to said Agreement the Law Firm provided a written report recommending that City Council appoint special counsel for the purpose of conducting an investigation and making the recommendation to Council as to the appropriate action; and
- WHEREAS, City Council now wishes to extend the scope of the Agreement with the Law Firm and to appoint the Law Firm as special counsel for the purpose of investigating complaints, and to establish compensation for such special counsel.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

As provided by Section 9.1 of the City of Golden's Home Rule Charter, Council does hereby appoint Gerald A. Dahl of Murray, Dahl, Kuechenmeister & Renaud, LLP., as special counsel under Code §2-32-130 of the Golden Municipal Code to conduct an investigation upon the 5 complaints filed by Marian L. Olson on February 14, 2006 and make recommendations to the Council for action and/or to take appropriate action under law. Compensation for such special counsel is authorized at \$200.00 per hour.

Adopted this 27th day of July, 2006.

Charles J. Baroch

Mayor

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ATTES

Susan M. Brooks, MMC

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David S. Williamson Assistant City Attorney

I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a regular meeting thereof held on the 27th day of July, A.D., 2006.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of

Golden, Colorado