

**RESOLUTION NO. 1505**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING  
FOR THE UTILIZATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL  
SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL SUBJECT TO  
LITIGATION AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS, CLAIMS OR  
PROCEEDINGS**

WHEREAS, in 1967 the voters of Golden enacted a home rule charter to provide for local self government of the community; and

WHEREAS, the essence of such self governance of the City is the election of citizens to serve as part-time legislators, or Mayor, designated as the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the primary role of the council members is to establish policy and direction for a professional city manager and staff to administer the policies and directions of the citizen - legislators; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for these citizen - legislators is minimal; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of this local form of self rule government is to encourage citizens to seek offices as City Councilors motivated by their sense of civic pride and contribution to the citizens of Golden; and

WHEREAS, legal and/or administrative claims, actions or proceedings which are questionable in content, nature and purpose does have a chilling affect upon citizens to participate in their local government as elected officials; and

WHEREAS, when confronted with frivolous legal actions, claims and procedures, the citizen - legislators face undue personal and financial burdens or hardships to defend themselves and respond to such imprudent claims or actions; and

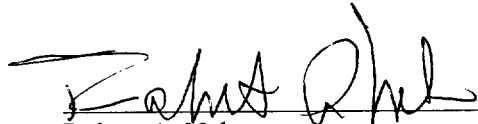
WHEREAS, it is consistent with the local form of self rule government that the elected citizens of the part-time City Council should be provided the administration and legal support, funded by public resources, to respond to such claims.

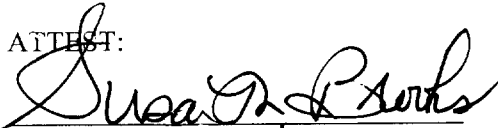
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

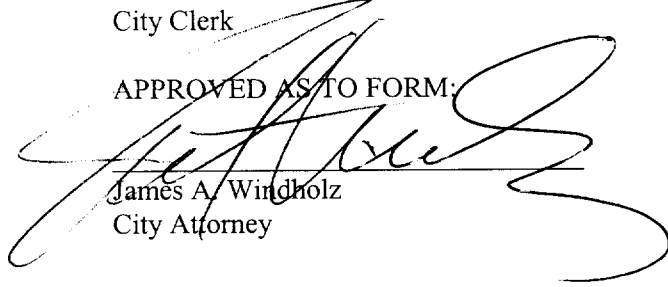
Section 1. That the members of City Council, including the Mayor and unsuccessful candidates, shall be provided with the resources of the City government, including, by illustration only, administrative and legal assistance and representation, in those legal and/or administrative actions in which they are involuntarily involved and result from their candidacy or actions in office, when such claims or actions are initially deemed questionable, without merit, frivolous, motivated or intended to harass or intimidate as opined by the city attorney, or special counsel, and supported by a majority of those Councilors not involved in the claims.

Section 2. In addition to the foregoing, such City assistance and defense measures shall include payment of fees and expenses for special counsel, advisors and experts and costs and expenses of litigation and administrative proceedings.

Adopted the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004

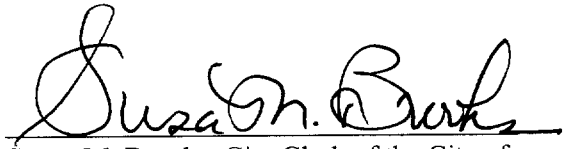
  
Robert A. Nelson  
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:  
  
Susan M. Brooks, MMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
James A. Windholz  
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 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D., 2004.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:   
Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of  
Golden, Colorado