

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 5C

Council Meeting Date: September 22, 2026

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich

CONTACT PERSON: Richard Weaver, Chief Administrative Officer
Peter Abide, City Attorney

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution assigning Engagement Agreement for Legal Services as Special Counsel.

Resolution ✓ Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

Contract _____ Minutes _____ Plans/Maps _____ Deed _____ Lease _____

Other (Specify): Exhibit "A" & Exhibit "B"

Submittal Authorization: Council President _____ Mayor ✓

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion By: _____ Second By: _____

<u>Vote:</u>	<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>AFR</u>	<u>ABST</u>	<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>AFR</u>	<u>ABST</u>
	Gray	_____	_____	_____	_____	Tisdale	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Marshall	_____	_____	_____	_____	Glavan	_____	_____	_____	_____
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ACTION TAKEN:

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Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION ASSIGNING ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES
AS SPECIAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 454-25, the City entered into an engagement agreement with Biggs, Ingram & Solop (“BIS firm”) attached as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the BIS firm merged with Young Wells PA on September 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the primary attorneys for BIS, Chris Solop and Lynn Thompson, will continue to perform legal services for the City on behalf of the Young Wells firm; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to assign the BIS engagement agreement to Young Wells, as set forth in Exhibit “B”;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The findings, conclusions, and statements of fact contained in the preamble of this Resolution are adopted and ratified.

SECTION TWO: The Mayor is authorized to execute Exhibit “B” and assign the BIS engagement letter to Young Wells PA.

SECTION THREE: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after adoption.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL
SERVICES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR CITY OF BILOXI

BIGGS, INGRAM & SOLOP, LLC/YOUNG WELLS PA

The City consents to the assigned of the Biggs Ingram & Solop, PLLC engagement agreement to
Young Wells PA, under the same terms and conditions of the existing engagement agreement with
Biggs, Ingram & Solop, PLLC.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

CITY:

CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

LAW FIRM:

YOUNG WELLS PA

By: _____
Name: A.M. Gilich, Jr.
Title: Mayor
Date: _____

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

ATTESTED TO BY:

Municipal Clerk



**EXHIBIT
A**

**EXTENSION OF ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES AS
SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR CITY OF BILOXI**

BIGGS, INGRAM & SOLOP, PLLC

This engagement agreement for legal services (this "Agreement") is effective as of July 1, 2025, by and between the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, a municipal corporation (the "City"), and Biggs, ~~Pettis~~, Ingram & Solop, PLLC (the "Law Firm").

This 2025 Agreement shall serve as an extension of the August 4, 2015 engagement agreement, the July 5, 2017 extension of the engagement agreement, the July 1, 2021 extension of the engagement agreement, and the December 1, 2023 amendment of the extension of the engagement agreement, between the City of Biloxi and Law Firm, which were authorized by Resolution Nos. 383-15, 331-17, 448-21 and 903-23. All terms and conditions of the prior engagement agreements, including the additional terms and conditions incorporated therein, shall remain in effect, except as set forth below. If any provisions of the August 15, 2015, July 5, 2017 or July 1, 2021 engagement agreements are in conflict with this 2025 Agreement, then this 2025 Agreement shall take precedence and prevail.

The Law Firm and the City further agree as follows:

1. Under this Agreement the Law Firm will provide legal services only on cases or issues that may be assigned to the Law Firm by the Mayor or City Attorney from time to time. The Law Firm's legal services for the City shall be performed under the supervision and direction of the City Attorney, Peter C. Abide, who is the City's chief legal officer and Director of the Legal Department.
2. Compensation for legal services shall not exceed \$230.00 per hour for the legal services of Chris Solop and Lynn Patton Thompson, \$200.00 per hour for any associate attorney's services, including, but not limited to, Stephen Stack and Jason Dare, and \$90.00 per hour for paralegals. Invoices shall be sent monthly to the Mayor and City Attorney as directed by billing protocol set by City Attorney.
3. The hourly rate shall not increase without prior written approval of the City by Resolution recommended by the Mayor and adopted by the City Council.
4. No interest shall be charged or due for unpaid amounts billed by the Law Firm.
5. Christopher Solop and Lynn Thompson are the primary attorneys in the Law Firm that will perform legal services for the City; however, other members or associates of the firm may also perform services for the City if the Law Firm receives prior approval from the City Attorney for such additional attorneys to work on specific cases or issues.
6. The Law Firm will not assign this Agreement and will not sub-contract its legal services or associate other attorneys or paralegals outside the Law Firm without the prior, written consent of the Mayor.
7. This Agreement will terminate no later than June 30, 2029, and the City reserves the right to terminate the Agreement at any time without cause.

Signatures on following page(s)

Res. No. 454-25e

ACCEPTED AND AGREED EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 1, 2025.

CITY:

CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

LAW FIRM:

BIGGS, ~~PETTS~~, INGRAM & SOLOP,
PLLC

By:

Name: A.M. Gilich, Jr.

Title: Mayor

Date: July 3, 2025

By:

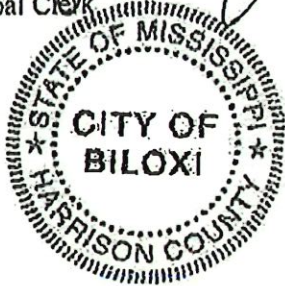
Name: Lynn Patton Thompson

Title: MANAGING MEMBER

Date: AUGUST 25, 2025

ATTESTED TO BY:


Municipal Clerk



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LAW FIRM:

YOUNG WELLS PA

By: _____
Name: A.M. Gilich, Jr.
Title: Mayor
Date: _____

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

ATTESTED TO BY:

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