Agenda Item No.: **13.**

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 7, 2007

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☒ **Consent** ☐ **Discussion**

SUBJECT:
Approval to augment funding for Fisher & Phillips LLP and Mark J. Ricciardi, Esq., in order to continue defending the City of Las Vegas and its employee Jill Melone in the matter of Eighth Judicial District Court Case No. A505599 for an amount not to exceed $100,000 (General Fund)

Fiscal Impact

☐ **No Impact** ☐ **Augmentation Required**

☐ **Budget Funds Available**

Amount: $100,000
Funding Source: General Fund
Dept./Division: City Attorney

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:
Former employee David Roark brought suit against the City of Las Vegas and City employee Jill Melone July 6, 2005. The lawsuit alleges various theories of wrongful discharge and accuses Jill Melone of defamation. Numerous attorneys in the City Attorney's Office may be called to be witnesses in behalf of the City in this lawsuit. The City Council authorized retention of Fisher & Phillips LLP and Mark J. Ricciardi, Esq., to represent the City and Jill Melone August 3, 2005. The initial authorization of $100,000 has been expended in defense of this action. Litigation is ongoing.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approval

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:
None

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve Items 12-29, 31-36, 39, 41 and 42

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0
LOIS TARKANIAN, LAWRENCE WEEKLY, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)