Agenda Item No.: **13.**

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 19, 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

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 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. Authorizations totaling $200,000 have been expended in defense of this action. Litigation is ongoing.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approval

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:
None

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve Items 10-19 and 22-56

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1
RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-STEVE WOLFSON)