Proposed Action
That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the General Counsel to amend legal services agreements to increase the maximum contract prices as follows:

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<th>Law Firm</th>
<th>Services</th>
<th>Term</th>
<th>Current Price</th>
<th>Proposed Increase</th>
<th>New Price</th>
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<td>Dorsey Whitney</td>
<td>Legal Services related to Construction and Engineering Matters Contract No. 02P096</td>
<td>12/31/08</td>
<td>$210,000</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
<td>$350,000</td>
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<td>Lockridge Grindal Nauen</td>
<td>Legal Services related to Housing, Land Use, Planning, Parks Open Space Contract No. 01P143</td>
<td>12/31/09</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
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Background
The Office of General Counsel procures outside legal services for various public law matters. These service contracts are typically awarded through a process of competitive negotiation using a formal or informal RFP process. The Contract Price set in each agreement represents a cap on the amount payable; it is a "ceiling," and not a guarantee or entitlement. Regardless of any Contract Price, the actual amount paid under a legal services agreement is based upon: actual services requested and rendered; and, the budget amount(s) approved by the Metropolitan Council.

Rationale
When Contract Prices exceed $250,000, each subsequent amendment must be approved by the Metropolitan Council. The proposed amendment would allow the General Counsel to pay for essential legal services.

Funding
No funding implications or impacts.

Known Support / Opposition
None.