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From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, requesting authorization to execute a contract amendment with the law firm Buelow, Vetter, Buikema, Olson & Vliet, LLC for representation in labor relations matters, to increase authorized funds by \$90,000, from \$739,796 to amount not-to-exceed \$829,796, for continued legal support, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) has required, and will continue to require, the assistance of private counsel with specialized knowledge and experience in the area of municipal labor relations law to advise and represent the County in selected labor relations matters; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) initially approved a contract with Buelow, Vetter, Buikema, Olson & Vliet, LLC, (Buelow Vetter) on September 30, 2010 (File No. 10-294) for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has previously approved amendments to the contract amount (an additional \$50,000 in April 2017 [File No. 17-283], \$100,000 in March 2018 [File No. 18-177], and \$87,000 in September 2019 [File No. 19-791]); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Resources and the Office of Corporation Counsel continue to request assistance from Buelow Vetter with respect to various litigation matters, particularly involving the public safety worker unions; and

WHEREAS, both departments request an additional \$90,000 to continue to obtain these services; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in Org. Unit 1961 – 2020 Litigation Reserve Account, for the additional amount described in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 10, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-911 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, an amendment to the contract with Buelow, Vetter, Buikema, Olson & Vliet, LLC, is approved, to increase the authorized funds by \$90,000, from \$739,796 to a total amount not-to-exceed \$829,796, for continued legal support, utilizing funds in Org. Unit 1961 – 2020 Litigation Reserve Account.