

# THE STATUS POSITION OF EAST POINT CITY ATTORNEY

## EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

**The position of East Point City Attorney is currently held by LF BARNES LAW LLC for \$20,000 per month. See the motions below.**

Minutes:

### **January 29, 2024**

Councilmember Shropshire motioned to appoint LF Barnes Law as the interim City Attorney at a rate of \$15,000 per month for 60 days with a possibility of a 60-day renewal effectively immediately. Councilmember Martin Rogers provided the second.

Councilmember Shropshire motioned to appoint Kimberly Cornwell Law as the interim City Solicitor at a rate of \$5,000 per month for 60 days with a possibility of an additional 60 days effective immediately. Councilmember Ziegler provided the second.

### **March 18, 2024**

Councilmember Shropshire motioned to extend Attorney Wiggins, of LF Barnes Law Services, contract for sixty (60) days with an additional \$5000.00 effective April 1, 2024. Councilmember Cummings provided the second.

Councilmember Shropshire motioned to extend Kim Cornwell Law PC, as Interim City Solicitor for sixty (60) days with an additional \$5000.00 per month effective April 1, 2024. Councilmember Cummings provided the second.

Councilmember Shropshire motioned to reconsider the motion regarding Attorney Wiggins. Councilmember Cummings provided the second.

Councilmember Shropshire motioned to extend LF Barnes Law Services (Attorney Wiggins) for an additional sixty (60) days with an additional \$5000.00 per month effective April 1, 2024. Councilmember Cummings provided the second.

### **July 15, 2024**

Councilmember Shropshire motioned to approve LF Barnes Law LLC as the City Attorney at \$20,000 per month. Councilmember Dr. Martin Rogers provided the second.

**The motion to approve the LF Barnes Law LLC as the City Attorney was an IMPROPER MOTION because it violated Sec. 2-4013 (f) of the City Ethic Ordinance.**

### **Sec. 2-4013-(F)**

***City-employed attorneys and assistants. No city attorney or assistant city attorney serving as an employee of the city shall engage in any private practice of law for***

**compensation during the period in which they hold office. After the date of the adoption of this chapter, the city shall impose adherence to this chapter, and specifically to this provision, as a condition of employment of any city attorney or assistant city attorney who is hired thereafter. This paragraph shall not be applicable to private attorneys appointed by the city to serve as city general or special outside counsel, but shall instead only be applicable to attorneys employed by as city staff.**

East Point former Mayor and Council knew that Attorney L'Erin Wiggins was the owner of the LF Barnes Law LLC Firm and that she was also serving as the City Attorney for Lovejoy, Riverdale, and Hampton.

Former Mayor Holiday Ingraham and Attorney Wiggins knew that Attorney Wiggins would be violating East Point Ethics Ordinance and that is why Attorney Wiggins never signed any Agreement or Contract with the City. Attorney Wiggins and former Mayor Holiday Ingraham misled the Council.

No written Agreement or Contract has been signed for any services to be provided by LF Barnes Law LLC Firm and the City of East Point. Attorney Wiggins has been paid more than five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) since July 15, 2024. Her lack of daily attendance in the City Attorney Office from 8:00 AM -5:00 PM; constant tardiness/absences at Meetings; and failure to maintain staffing for the Assistant Attorney position pose great concern as to what demonstrative services the City was paying Attorney Wiggins to perform for money that she has been paid.

**I am asking Mayor and Council to terminate and immediately defund all funding for any perceived relationship between the City of East Point, LF Barnes Law LLC and Attorney L'Erin Wiggins. I am also requesting that all past and current work products by Attorney Wiggins be retained as property of the City. Additionally, a written list of all outside legal entities and correspondence on behalf of East Point City is retained as property of the City.**