

**MOTION**

**NO. M-26-75**

**CITY HALL: February 12, 2026**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORRELL AND HARRIS**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (“LLA”) requires the New Orleans City Council, as the governing authority of Orleans Parish, to engage annually with an accounting firm by February 28<sup>th</sup> and to complete a “Single Audit” of city finances by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council adopted motion M-25-220 finding that, in accordance with Council Rule 42, there was an immediate and emergent need for a professional services agreement to provide the accounting and auditing services contemplated by the original agreement between the Council and Bruno & Tervalon LLP for the FY 2024 Single Audit and further found that there was not adequate time to conduct either a formal or informal competitive selection process; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the City’s budget crisis and the need to complete the FY 2025 Single Audit, the emergent need outlined in M-25-220 still persists and the urgent deadlines imposed by state law render the Council unable to complete either the ordinary or informal competitive selection process described in Rule 42 and necessitate the immediate selection of an emergency vendor; **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, That, in accordance with Council Rule 42, the Council finds an immediate and emergent need for a professional services agreement to provide the accounting and auditing services contemplated by the agreement between the Council and Bruno & Tervalon LLP for the FY 2025 Single Audit

and further finds that there is not adequate time to conduct either a formal or informal competitive selection process; and

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED,** That the Council's Fiscal Officer is directed and instructed to identify a qualified accounting firm willing and able to perform the FY 2025 Single Audit, and the Council President is directed and authorized to execute an emergency professional services agreement for a term of up to one year to provide the foregoing services for a maximum compensation of up to \$147,000; and

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED,** That the Council Chief of Staff is directed to take all steps necessary to institute a competitive selection process to engage a replacement accounting/audit firm to provide the audit for fiscal year 2025, with an option to renew for up to four additional fiscal years.

**THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**RECUSED:**

**AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**