

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item number: IF

Title:

Recommendation from Mayor Vitek to Approve Reappointment of Gary M. Vanek as Ethic's Advisor for the City of St. Charles.

Presenter:

Mayor Vitek

Meeting: City Council

Date: May 17, 2021

Proposed Cost: \$

Budgeted Amount: \$

Not Budgeted: **Executive Summary**

Chapter 2.44.020 of the Municipal Code, entitled, "Ethics Advisor", indicates the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the City Council, shall designate an Ethics Advisor for the City. The purpose for the advisor is to provide guidance to officers and employees of the City concerning interpretation of and compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Code chapter 2.44, "Ethics" and the State of Illinois ethics laws. For your information, the Mayor and Council may also perform other duties as directed.

Mayor Vitek is recommending approval of the reappointment of Gary M. Vanek as Ethics Advisor for the City of St. Charles.

Attachments (please list):

Gary M. Vanek - Letter

Recommendation/Suggested Action (briefly explain):

Recommendation from Mayor Vitek to Approve Reappointment of Gary M. Vanek as Ethics Advisor for the City of St. Charles.



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Mr. Chris Minick
Interim City Administrator
City of St. Charles
2 East Main Street
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Of Counsel:
Brian Stines

Re: City of St. Charles Ethics Officer

Dear Mr. Minick,

Pursuant to my recent conversation with Mayor Vitek and subsequent conversations with Mark Koenen, please be informed that, if appointed, I would be pleased to serve as the Ethics Advisor for the City of St. Charles for the year May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022.

Enclosed please find my resume providing my previous and current work experience as an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois. Please note that I also have experience in the area of legal ethics.

If appointed I would provide these services at the reduced hourly rate of \$275.00 per hour. It is my understanding that, if so appointed, I would provide those services and perform such duties as you, the Mayor and City Council would determine under your ordinance.

Should you require anything further from me in this regard please do not hesitate to call. I look forward to hearing from you further in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Gary M. Vanek, Esq.
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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Vanek, Larson & Kolb, LLC
200 W. Main Street
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

January 2013 – Present

General civil practice concentrating in commercial, banking, real estate, construction and corporate litigation. Focus on complex business transactions, general corporate representation including employment matters, foreclosure litigation, and other legal matters.

*Bazos, Freeman, Kramer, Schuster,
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1250 Larkin Avenue, Suite 100
Elgin, Illinois 60123

Principal, June 2002 – December 2012

General civil practice concentrating in municipal law, commercial, banking, real estate, construction and corporate litigation. Also represent several clients on general corporate, real estate, employment and other legal matters. Served as general counsel for the Village of Burlington.

Schwarz, Vanek & Weiler, P.C.
303 West Main Street
West Dundee, Illinois 60118

Principal, May 1998 – May 2002

Expanded a general civil litigation practice including commercial, banking, real estate, construction and family law litigation, as well as corporate and real estate matters. Served as general counsel for the Village of Burlington.

Ariano, Anderson, Bazos, Hardy & Castillo, P.C.
474 Summit Street
Elgin, Illinois 60120

Income Partner, 1987 – 1998
Associate, 1985 – 1987

Engaged in general litigation, including commercial, banking, real estate, chancery, and construction litigation. Represented banks in litigation matters including lender liability defense; compliance and operations. Served as general counsel for two villages.

Ariano and Hardy
75 Market Street
Elgin, Illinois 60123

Associate, 1981 – 1985

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE LAW

<i>State of Illinois</i>	November 1980
<i>United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois</i>	December 1980
<i>United States Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals</i>	January 1981
<i>Supreme Court of the United States</i>	June 2004

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Illinois Supreme Court Committee 2006 – 2015
On Professional Responsibility

- Participated in the drafting of new legal ethics rules adopted by the Illinois Supreme Court as the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct of 2010.

Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission
Illinois Supreme Court

- Chair 3 person lay and lawyer panel Hearing Board 1998 – 2000
- Member, Hearing Board; Panel on In re: Rinella, 175 Ill. 2d 504 1991 – 2002
- Member, Inquiry Board 1989 – 1991

Kane County Bar Association

- President 1997 – 1998
- Board of Managers 1994 – 1999
- Past Chair of Continuing Legal Education, Professional Responsibility, Long Range Planning and Delivery of Legal Services Committees
- Founding Director of the Kane County Bar Foundation
- Participated as presenter at several KCBA CLE seminars

Illinois State Bar Association

- ISBA Assembly member 1998 – 2004, 2010 – 2013

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Past Chairman of the Board of Directors, Harris Bank Huntley
- Past Director, DaVinci Academy
- Past Participant in Kane County Bar Foundation Lawyers in the Classroom Program
- Past Director, Boys and Girls Club of Elgin
- Past Director, George M. Eisenberg Unit of the Chicago Boys Club
- Past Director, Elgin Citizens Against Crime
- Past Director, Fox Valley Micro Loan Fund
- Past Director, Phi Delta Theta Chapter House Corporation, University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign
- Former coach, Larkin Junior Royals basketball program
- Current Trustee, Christ Community Church, St. Charles, Illinois
- Guest lecturer at Northern Illinois University College of Law

FORMAL EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School
Chicago, Illinois

Juris Doctor 1980

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Political Science Major

Bachelor of Arts, 1977

References available upon request.