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City Manager's Office

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Sheila Lundt, Assistant City Manager

**DATE:** July 16, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Legal Services Contract with Dorsey & Whitney LLP – **ITEM 3a**

The City has retained the services of Dorsey & Whitney LLP in connection with several employee issues at Electric Services. Due to the increasing daily workload of items for the City Attorney's staff and the expertise of Dorsey & Whitney LLP in the area of employment law, the City retained its services in April of 2009. The original purchase order is in the amount of \$48,000 with recently received invoices expected to exceed this amount. With the filing of additional petitions by the former employee, staff expects to exceed this amount.

Staff is requesting Council approval to increase this purchase order to an amount of \$80,000. This amount should be sufficient to allow Dorsey & Whitney LLP to represent the City in any reasonably anticipated actions related to the previous employee's time of employment with the City. Funding is available in the Electric Utility budget to cover this expense.

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