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The City utilizes contracts with various vendors and companies to secure the materials, equipment, supplies, and services essential for daily operations. The purpose of initiating these contracts is to provide cost-efficient and dependable materials and services to the City.

It is important that the City exercise due diligence in selecting its contracting partners. In recent years, the City has been involved in numerous lawsuits, many of which have proven costly and have had a negative impact on the City's budget and fiscal standing. As the City continues to initiate new contracts, it should be fully informed of any existing legal disputes between the City and prospective contractors.

Awarding a City contract without knowledge of ongoing litigation between the City and a prospective vendor may create conflicts of interest, expose the City to increased liability, or otherwise compromise the City's legal and financial interests. To ensure transparency and enable informed decision-making, a formal disclosure requirement should be incorporated into the City's contracting process.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance requiring companies that are competing in a City Request for Proposals process or otherwise entering into a contract with the City to disclose if they are a plaintiff in litigation with the City.

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