



## Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** ID#19-5776    **Version:** 1    **Name:** Approve hiring the law firm of Manson, Bolves, Donaldson, Varn as outside counsel  
**Type:** Action Item    **Status:** Consent Agenda  
**File created:** 2/15/2019    **In control:** Legal  
**On agenda:** 3/7/2019    **Final action:**  
**Title:** Authorize hiring the law firm of Manson Bolves Donaldson Varn as outside counsel to provide expertise as it relates to water law/submerged lands and act as liaison to the FDEP and other parties as may be necessary to assist in clearing any cloud on title of the lands being developed under the Seminole Street Boat Ramp - North Marina District Improvements Project, approve a Legal Services Agreement for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 and authorize appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

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**Attachments:** 1. [230441] Legal Services Agreement form Jake Varn

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
3/7/2019	1	City Council		
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### SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

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### SUMMARY:

In 1967, the City of Clearwater received a Land and Water Conservation Fund Project grant from the State of Florida, Florida Outdoor Recreational Development Council to develop what is now known as the Seminole Street Boat Ramps. The original development included, among other things, boat launching ramps, car and trailer parking facilities, and a concrete bulkhead. The area is now being re-developed as the Seminole Street Boat Ramp - North Marina District Improvements Project.

As a precursor to moving forward with the Project, city staff will work with outside counsel to clear title to certain portions of the subject lands filled in the course of the original project.

Outside Counsel will provide its expertise in the area of water law and act as a liaison to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and any other party necessary in order to clear title to the lands.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funds are available in cost code 0109600-530100, to fund this contract