



CITY OF PEEKSKILL COMMON COUNCIL
PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK

AGENDA BILL

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND APPROVING CITY MANAGER’S APPOINTMENT OF KEANE & BEANE, P.C. AS CITY ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR 2026 WITH KEANE & BEANE, P.C.	FOR AGENDA OF: 1/12/2026		AGENDA # J-8
	DEPT. OF ORIGIN:	CITY MANAGER	
	DATE SUBMITTED:	1/08/2026	
	DEPARTMENT HEAD:	MATTHEW C. ALEXANDER	
	EXHIBITS:	2026 KEANE & BEANE, P.C. RETAINER AGREEMENT	

APPROVED BY CITY ATTORNEY	
APPROVED BY COMPTROLLER	
APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER FOR SUBMISSION	

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	AS DISCUSSED IN 2026 BUDGET PLANNING	AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$665,000	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	N/A
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SUMMARY STATEMENT

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVES AND CONSENTS TO THE CITY MANAGER’S APPOINTMENT OF KEANE & BEANE, P.C. TO THE OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY FOR 2026, TO HEAD THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDE GENERAL COUNSEL AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LEGAL SERVICE AND AUTHORIZES THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH KEANE & BEANE, P.C. FOR 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CONSENTING TO THE CITY MANAGER’S APPOINTMENT OF KEANE & BEANE, P.C. TO THE OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY FOR 2026, TO HEAD THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDE GENERAL COUNSEL AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LEGAL SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH KEANE & BEANE, P.C. FOR 2026

MOVED BY:	SECONDED BY:
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ROLL CALL VOTE				
MAYOR MCKENZIE			COUNCILMAN DIGRUCCIO	
DEPUTY MAYOR RILEY			COUNCILWOMAN CHANG	
COUNCILWOMAN TALBOT			COUNCILMAN RIGGER	
COUNCILMAN FASSETT				

FUNDING SOURCE (FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, BUDGET)	AMOUNT	GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT	CITY MATCH AMOUNT	CITY MATCH GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT
FEDERAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STATE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COUNTY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BUDGET	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
APPROVING AND CONSENTING TO THE CITY MANAGER'S
APPOINTMENT OF KEANE & BEANE P.C., AS CITY ATTORNEY,
AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
ENTER INTO A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH
KEANE & BEANE, P.C. FOR GENERAL COUNSEL, AND
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LEGAL SERVICES FOR 2026**

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Peekskill Charter § C-101, the City Manager may, in lieu of appointing a Corporation Counsel, appoint an individual or a law firm as the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney shall be the head of the City of Peekskill Department of Law; and

WHEREAS, Keane & Beane serves as municipal attorneys to a number of municipalities in Westchester and the greater Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peekskill retained Keane & Beane, as Interim Corporation Counsel of the City of Peekskill for the period October 22, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager appointed and the City of Peekskill retained Keane & Beane, P.C., as City Attorney in the City of Peekskill in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is seeking to re-appoint Keane & Beane, P.C., as City Attorney to serve as head of the City of Peekskill Legal Department and provide general counsel legal services in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is also seeking to retain Keane & Beane, P.C. to provide services as the City of Peekskill's labor and employment counsel in 2026; and

WHEREAS, a retainer agreement for Keane & Beane, P.C. has been received and reviewed by the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, account 001.1420.0485, Legal Services has been budgeted for \$665,000.00 of legal services for the City of Peekskill; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council deems the appointment of Keane & Beane, P.C. as City Attorney and to provide general counsel and labor and employment counsel services to be in the best interest of the City of Peekskill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves and consents to the City Manager's appointment of Keane & Beane, P.C., to serve as the City Attorney for the City of

Peekskill, and to provide general counsel legal services and labor and employment counsel, for the calendar year 2026, retroactive to January 1, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or his authorized designee to enter into a retainer agreement with Keane & Beane, P.C., for the calendar year 2026, to serve as the City Attorney for the City of Peekskill and to provide general counsel legal services and labor and employment counsel services, and to take all and any other necessary steps to effectuate the intent of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.