REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Approved by:	Council Meeting of:	April 17, 2019
Le Jender Silva	Agenda Number:	B-4
Wendy Silva, Director of Human Resources		
Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager		

SUBJECT:

Informational Report on Contract Legal Service Expenditures for City Attorney Services

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is submitted for informational purposes only and there is no action requested from the City Council (Council).

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council an informational monthly update on expenditures for City Attorney services while a new City Attorney is sought.

DISCUSSION:

The following information summarizes billings paid to date for services formerly performed by the City's in-house City Attorney. The various providers have different billing cycles, so staff has noted the time period captured by the specific bill/payment. If there is additional information Council desires to see in future iterations of this report, please advise and staff will make the requested changes.

Firm: Liebert Cassidy Whitmore Billing Period: February 2019

Matter	Charges			
Matter	Current Period	To Date		
Review and Advice on Employment Agreement Matters	\$2,485.00	\$2,485.00		
Tort Liability Claim	\$1,890.00	\$1,890.00		
Attendance at Council Meetings & Advice on Same	\$2,222.00	\$2,222.00		
Total	\$6,597.00	\$6,597.00		

Firm: Montoy Law

Billing Period: March 2019

Matter	Charges			
Matter	Current Period	To Date		
General Legal Review/Advice	\$528.00	\$528.00		
Public Records Act Matters	\$144.00	\$144.00		
Advice on Sale of Real Property	\$264.00	\$264.00		
Donation of Park Land	\$120.00	\$120.00		
Deposition: Building Department	\$288.00	\$288.00		
Litigation Review	\$288.00	\$288.00		
Total	\$1,608.00	\$1,608.00		

Firm: Law Offices of Gregory L. Myers

Billing Period: February 2019

Matter	Charges			
Matter	Current Period	To Date		
Advice on Intermodal Facility Tenant Agreements	\$159.00	\$159.00		
Total	\$159.00	\$159.00		

Firm: Madera County District Attorney's Office

The Madera County District Attorney's Office has been representing the City at Madera Superior Court on criminal matters, however the City has not yet received a bill for services as of the writing of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Contract services during the interim period while the Council seeks a new provider for long term City Attorney services will be paid from salary savings captured due to the vacancies in the City Attorney's office. The Finance Department has calculated the estimated savings in salaries and benefits for the remainder of the fiscal year, and moved these funds to the contracted legal services line item in the City Attorney's budget. Exhibit 1 to this report shows the account balance for this line item.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN:

The information contained herein is not addressed by the Vision Madera 2025 plan, nor is the information in conflict with that plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

This report is for informational purposes only.

ATTACHMENTS:

Budget Report for City Attorney Contract Legal Services



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		ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
1020 General Fund								
10201400 City Attorney		3,400	146,300	149,700	6,478.50	50,000.00	93,221.50	37.7%
	GRAND TOTAL	3,400	146,300	149,700	6,478.50	50,000.00	93,221.50	37.7%

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