The City of MADERA VALLEY CENTRAL

# **REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

Approved by:

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Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager

Council Meeting of: June 7, 2023Agenda Number:B-4

## SUBJECT:

Informational Report on Contract City Attorney Services and Litigation Expenditures

#### **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 Council with an informational monthly update on expenditures for contract City Attorney services, as well as specialized legal representation in various litigation matters.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The following information summarizes billings paid for services formerly performed by the City's in-house City Attorney. This report captures March and April 2023 invoices received and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 tracking of invoices received through a FY 2022/23 Year-to-Date (YTD) column.

#### Firm: Montoy Law Corporation (City Attorney Services and Litigation)

Billing Periods: March 2023 and April 2023

Matter		Charges	
	March 2023	April 2023	FY 2022/2023 (YTD)
General Legal Review/Advice	\$305.50	\$164.50	\$3,407.50
City Clerk	\$47.00	\$963.50	\$6,439.00
Attendance at Council Meetings &			
Requests for Information/Research	\$1,433.50	\$1,574.50	\$19,740.00
City Manager	\$0	\$0	\$2,538.00
Review and Advice on Agreements	\$4,018.50	\$1,833.00	\$20,957.50

Planning	\$3,948.00	\$7,426.00	\$38,258.00
Planning Commission	\$376.00	\$587.50	\$4,700.00
Finance	\$23.50	\$23.50	\$3,689.50
Successor Agency	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Works/Engineering	\$2,867.00	\$3,031.50	\$25,568.00
Police Department - General	\$211.50	\$0	\$1,457.00
Economic Development	\$0	\$211.50	\$211.50
Personnel/Payroll	\$117.50	\$0	\$728.50
Municipal Code			
Enforcement/Updates	\$0	\$235.00	\$329.00
Ordinances	\$564.00	\$0	\$3,969.50
Cannabis	\$0	\$0	\$13,752.50
Total Advisory Services	\$13,912.00	\$16,050.50	\$145,745.50
Litigation Services			
Total Litigation Services	\$3,002.00	\$10,440.50	\$50,749.00
Discounted Hours	\$0	-(\$188.00)	- (\$989.00)
Travel/Lodging Expenses	\$0	\$635.17	\$1,082.84
Shipping	\$0	\$0	\$43.75
Total Advisory & Litigation Services	\$16,914.00	\$26,938.17	\$196,632.09

## FINANCIAL IMPACT:

For FY 2022/23, expenditures for invoices related to legal fees total \$196,632.09. This represents expenditures for specific City Attorney services. A summary of invoices received to date are summarized per the following table.

Legal Invoices FY 2020/21 YTD			
City Attorney Advisory Services			
Montoy Law Corporation	\$145,745.50		
Litigation Services (Including discounted hours, travel & shipping)			
Montoy Law Corporation	\$50,886.59		
Total City Attorney and Litigation Services YTD	\$196,632.09		

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

This report is for informational purposes only.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

None