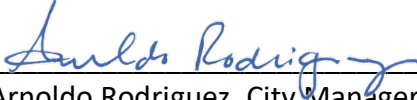




REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Approved by:


Arnaldo Rodriguez, City Manager

Council Meeting of: November 18, 2020

Agenda Number: B-3

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

DISCUSSION:

The following information summarizes billings paid for services formerly performed by the City's in-house City Attorney. This report captures September 2020 invoices received, as well as the continued Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/21 tracking of invoices received, through a FY 2020/21 Year-to-Date (YTD) column.

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: Madera County District Attorney's Office (Litigation)

Billing Period: September 2020

<i>Matter</i>	Charges	
	Sept. 2020	FY 2020/21 YTD
Prosecution Services for City of Madera per Agreement	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

Firm: Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC (Litigation)

Billing Period: September 2020

<i>Matter</i>	Charges	
	Sept. 2020	FY 2020/21 YTD
Pending Litigation	\$614.01	\$3,406.88
Total	\$614.01	\$3,406.88

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

Billing Period: September 2020

<i>Matter</i>	Charges	
	Sept. 2020	FY 2020/21 YTD
City Attorney Services		
General Legal Review/Advice	\$2,162.00	\$7,520.00
City Clerk	\$282.00	\$1,222.00
Attendance at Council Meetings & Advice on Same	\$4,888.00	\$9,964.00
City Council Requests for Information/Research	\$0.00	\$0.00
City Manager	\$611.00	\$1,128.00
Review and Advice on Agreements	\$1,903.50	\$11,068.50
Public Records Act Matters	\$0.00	\$540.50
Real Estate Transactions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Planning	\$1,269.00	\$9,141.50
Finance	\$869.50	\$2,209.00
Successor Agency	\$0.00	\$1,034.00
Public Works/Engineering	\$5,781.00	\$6,133.50
Grand Jury	\$0.00	\$0.00
Personnel/Payroll	\$305.50	\$376.00
Municipal Code Enforcement	\$0.00	\$1,198.50
Police Department - General	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ordinances	\$0.00	\$681.50
Discounted Hours	-\$ (47.00)	-\$ (540.50)
Total City Attorney Services	\$18,024.50	\$51,676.50
Litigation Services		
Total Litigation Services	\$15,847.37	\$39,017.87
Total City Attorney and Litigation Services	\$33,871.87	\$90,694.37

Firm: Law Office of Gregory L. Myers (Litigation)

Billing Period: September 2020

<i>Matter</i>	Charges	
	Sept. 2020	FY 2020/21 YTD
Pending Litigation	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

For FY 2020/21, expenditures for invoices total \$94,101.25. This represents expenditures for specific City Attorney services, as well as specialized legal representation in various matters of litigation. A summary of invoices received to date are summarized per the following table.

<i>Legal Invoices FY 2020/21 YTD</i>	
City Attorney Services	
Montoy Law Corporation	\$51,676.50
Litigation Services	
Madera County District Attorney's Office	\$0.00
Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC	\$3,406.88
Montoy Law Corporation	\$39,017.87
Law Office of Gregory L. Myers	\$0.00
<i>Litigation Services Total</i>	<i>\$42,424.75</i>
Total City Attorney and Litigation Services YTD	\$94,101.25

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:

None