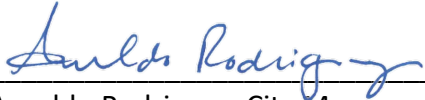


REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Approved by:


Arnaldo Rodriguez, City Manager

Council Meeting of: September 1, 2021

Agenda Number: B-3

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 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 June 2021 invoices received, as well as Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/21 tracking of invoices received.

If there is any additional information Council desires to see in future iterations of this report, please advise and staff will make the requested change.

Firm: Madera County District Attorney's Office (Litigation)

June Fees N/A: Charged on an Annual Basis

<i>Matter</i>	Charges	
	June 2021	FY 2020/2021
Prosecution Services for City per Agreement	\$0.00	\$562.06
Total	\$0.00	\$562.06

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

Billing Period: June 2021

Matter	Charges	
	<i>June 2021</i>	<i>FY 2020/2021</i>
Pending Litigation	\$612.38	\$10,105.07
Total	\$612.38	\$10,105.07

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

Billing Period: June 2021

Matter	Charges	
	<i>June 2021</i>	<i>FY 2020/2021</i>
City Attorney Services		
General Legal Review/Advice	\$0.00	\$14,241.00
City Clerk	\$540.50	\$4,700.00
Attendance at Council Meetings & Advice on Same	\$0.00	\$27,025.00
City Council Requests for Information/Research	\$3,243.00	\$4,253.50
City Manager	\$0.00	\$3,360.50
Review and Advice on Agreements	\$5,146.50	\$45,707.50
Public Records Act Matters	\$0.00	\$3,078.50
Real Estate Transactions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Planning	\$1,081.00	\$43,639.50
Finance	\$352.50	\$3,807.00
Successor Agency	\$0.00	\$1,057.50
Public Works/Engineering	\$1,269.00	\$30,773.25
Grand Jury	\$0.00	\$0.00
Personnel/Payroll	\$211.50	\$1,057.50
Municipal Code Enforcement/Updates	\$305.50	\$2,726.00
Police Department - General	\$0.00	\$1,104.50
Ordinances	\$2,397.00	\$13,183.50
Discounted Hours	\$0.00	\$1,880.00
Total City Attorney Services	\$14,546.00	\$196,800.75
Litigation Services		
Total Litigation Services	\$4,360.50	\$79,814.88
Total City Attorney and Litigation Services	\$18,907.00	\$276,615.63

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

Billing Period: June 2021

Matter	Charges	
	<i>June 2021</i>	<i>FY 2020/2021</i>
Pending Litigation	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

Firm: Abbott & Kindermann, Inc.

Billing Period: June 2021

Matter	Charges	
	<i>June 2021</i>	<i>FY 2020/2021</i>
Legal Services	\$0.00	\$15,858.51
Total	\$0.00	\$15,858.51

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

At the end of FY 2020/2021, expenditures for invoices total \$303,141.27. This represents expenditures for specific City Attorney services, as well as specialized legal representation in various matters of litigation. All invoices received are summarized per the following table.

Legal Invoices FY 2020/2021	
City Attorney Services	
Montoy Law Corporation	\$196,800.75
Litigation Services	
Madera County District Attorney's Office	\$562.06
Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC	\$10,105.07
Montoy Law Corporation	\$79,814.88
Law Office of Gregory L. Myers	\$0.00
Abbott & Kindermann, Inc.	\$15,858.51
<i>Litigation Services Total</i>	\$106,340.52
Total City Attorney and Litigation Services FY 2020/21	\$303,141.27

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