



CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item J
January 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of recommendation from the Consultant Review Committee to exercise the renewal options for 2016 and 2017 to extend the term of the contract for General Legal Services to Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich PC through December 31, 2017 or until notice of termination is provided by either City Council or the Firm; and

- a) On January 1, 2016 to increase the hourly rate \$5 for Partners from \$130 to \$135; and for Associates from \$125 to \$130; and
- b) On January 1, 2017 to increase the hourly rate \$5 for Partners from \$135 to \$140; and for Associates from \$130 to \$135.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: 

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Council approved a contract with the law firm of Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich PC (JRSJ) in December 2012 for a three-year agreement with two one-year renewal options. The Consultant Review Committee met on December 21, 2015 to discuss renewal options as well as revisiting the current fee schedule.

The recommendation of the Consultant Review Committee is to extend the contract through December 31, 2017 with the following fee adjustments.

Effective January 1, 2016	Current	Proposed
<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Partners	\$130	\$135
Associates	\$125	\$130

Effective January 1, 2017	Current	Proposed
<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Partners	\$135	\$140
Associates	\$130	\$135

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of recommendation from the Consultant Review Committee to exercise the renewal options for 2016 and 2017 to extend the term of the contract for General Legal Services to Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich PC through December 31, 2017 or until notice of termination is provided by either City Council or the Firm; and

- a) On January 1, 2016 to increase the hourly rate \$5 for Partners from \$130 to \$135; and for Associates from \$125 to \$130; and
- b) On January 1, 2017 to increase the hourly rate \$5 for Partners from \$135 to \$140; and for Associates from \$130 to \$135.

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Mayor Gatt				
Mayor Pro Tem Staudt				
Council Member Burke				
Council Member Casey				

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Council Member Markham				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Wrobel				



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Consultant Review Committee Meeting

Monday, December 21, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Mayor's Conference Room | Novi Civic Center | 45175 Ten Mile Road
(248) 347-0445

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Staudt, Council Members Casey, Wrobel

OTHERS PRESENT: Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager
Thomas R. Schultz, City Attorney
Melissa Place, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt commented the agenda be amended to add discussion of appointing a Chair.

Moved by Wrobel, supported by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To amend the agenda by appointing Mayor Pro Tem Staudt as Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Wrobel, supported by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the April 13, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

1. Discuss General Legal Counsel Professional Services

Chair Staudt stated the Partner \$130 hourly rate was initially negotiated with the first contract in 2000. Since this time, the rate has steadily declined. The following recommendation was read into the record.

The following is the Recommendation of the Consultant Review Committee of the Novi City Council in the matter of the Contract for General Legal Counsel Services (Contract) between the City of Novi (Novi) and Johnson, Rosati, Schulz and Joppich PC (Firm).

- 1) For Novi to exercise the option for 2016 and 2017 to extend the term of the Contract. The Contract shall now continue and remain in effect until December 31, 2017, or until notice of termination is provided by either City Council or the Firm. A notice of termination may be given at any time by either the City or the Firm.

- 2) To increase the Firm's hourly rate for Partners and Associates beginning January 1, 2016 \$5.00 per hour to \$135.00 per hour for Partners and \$130.00 per hour for Associates.
- 3) To increase the Firm's hourly rate for Partners and Associates beginning January 1, 2017 \$5.00 per hour to \$140 per hour for Partners and \$135.00 per hour for Associates.

Moved by Wrobel, supported by Casey; **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:** To approve the proposed recommended motion as read into the record.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS – None

Moved by Wrobel, seconded by Casey; **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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