



CITY OF NOVI
Consultant Review Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers | Novi Civic Center | 45175 Ten Mile Road
(248) 347-0445

CALL TO ORDER 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Pro Tem Staudt, Council Members Casey, Fischer

STAFF LIAISON: Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Pete Auger, City Manager
Katherine Oppermann, Executive Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

1. Discuss Attorney Contracts
 - a. General – Rosati, Schultz, Joppich, & Amtsbuechler P.C.
 - b. Prosecuting – The Baker Legal Group
 - c. Labor - Shifman Fournier

Mr. Cardenas stated that this meeting was to discuss the contracts of the three legal firms currently working with the city – General counsel, prosecuting and labor attorney. The expiration of the current contracts, established in 2018, is nearing and the fees need to be readdressed. Mr. Auger commented that City Staff, Boards, and Commissions who work directly with the legal firms have all been pleased with the services provided and staff recommends that the Consultant Review Committee recommend the approval of the renewals with revised pay scale proposed by the individual firms. For General Counsel, provided by Rosati, Schultz, Joppich, & Amtsbuechler P.C. staff recommends an additional two years at \$160.00/hour for senior attorneys and \$150.00/hour for associates as proposed. For Prosecuting services, provided by the Baker Legal group staff recommends an additional three years at \$115.00/hour as proposed. For Labor services, provided by Shifman Fournier staff recommends an additional three years at the graduated scale of \$165.00/hour in 2022, \$175.00/hour in 2023, and \$175.00/hour in 2024 as proposed.

Motion made by Member Fischer that for the general Counsel, provided by Rosati, Schultz, Joppich, & Amtsbuechler P.C., to recommend that, as an adjusted option year of the existing contract, the hourly rate is increased to the proposed \$160.00/hour for senior attorneys and \$150.00/hour for associates through December 31, 2022. The Consultant Review Committee will meet again no later than June 2022 to further discuss the General Counsel contract and decide whether to retain Rosati, Schultz, Joppich, & Amtsbuechler P.C. or go to bid. Motion was supported by Member Casey and carried unanimously; motion passes 3:0.

Motion made by Member Casey that for the Prosecuting Attorney, Baker Legal Group, to recommend a one year no-bid contract for legal professional services at the increased rate of \$115.00/hour as proposed. The Consultant Review Committee will meet again no later than June 2022 to further discuss the Prosecuting Attorney contract and decide whether to retain Baker Legal Group or go to bid. Motion was supported by Mayor Pro Tem Staudt and carried unanimously; motion passes 3:0.

Motion made by Member Fischer that for the Labor Attorney, provided by Shifman Fournier, to recommend a three year no-bid contract for legal professional services at the graduated scale of \$165.00/hour in 2022, \$175.00/hour in 2023, and \$175.00/hour in 2024 as proposed. Motion was supported by Mayor Pro Tem Staudt; motion passed 2:1 with Member Casey dissenting.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments were submitted or shared by the public during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Staudt, supported by Member Fischer and carried unanimously: to adjourn the meeting.