



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer
DATE: February 7, 2022
SUBJECT: 2021 City Attorney Services Blanket Increase

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize an increase to the blanket purchase order for 2021 City Attorney services to Hafeli, Staran, & Christ, P.C., Sylvan Lake, Michigan in the amount of \$1,684 for a new not-to-exceed of \$251,684.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

City Council appointed Hafeli, Staran, & Christ, P.C. as the City’s attorney pursuant to Section 8.7 of the City Charter. The City Attorney provides general legal services to the City, including representation on certain lawsuits, consultation, contract review, legal opinions and prosecution.

For 2021, hourly rates are proposed to remain at:

- Partner rate for legal work performed by John Staran = \$130/hr.
- Partner rate for legal work performed by P. Daniel Christ = \$130/hr.
- Hourly associate rates for services performed by other attorneys within the firm = \$115/hr.

For 2021, the City required more legal representation on litigation matters and property reviews and purchases which is why the increase is being requested.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Hafeli Staran & Christ, P.C.
2055 Orchard Lake Road
Sylvan Lake, Michigan 48320

Method of Purchase:

Blanket Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2021 Adopted Budget. The increased expense will be covered by other accounts in the Legal Cost Center (210) that are under budget.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
General Fund	210.805001	Legal Fees: City Attorney	\$250,000	\$251,684	(\$1,684)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Rochester Hills City Council authorize an increase to the blanket purchase order for 2021 City Attorney services to Hafeli, Staran, & Christ, P.C., Sylvan Lake, Michigan in the amount of \$1,684 for a new not-to-exceed of \$251,684.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A