

City Council Agenda Summary Sheet (Purchases)

Agenda No: 2004-1164
Date: November 22, 2004
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City File No:

Meeting Date: December 8, 2004

PURPOSE:

Recommend that City Council authorize a blanket purchase order to Beier Howlett for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$385,000 for city attorney fees for the year 2005.

DISCUSSION:

City Council appointed Beier Howlett 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 lawsuits, consultation, contract review, legal opinions and prosecution. Beier Howlett has served as City Attorney for over 30 years.

Past years' legal expenditures indicate increases as follows:

2004 - \$395,000 – estimated
 2003 - \$286,209
 2002 - \$320,466
 2001 - \$282,412
 2000 - \$289,500
 1999 - \$268,067

For 2005, hourly rates for legal services by Beier Howlett will remain unchanged. The partner rate for legal work performed by John Staran is \$115.00 per hour. The hourly rates performed by other attorneys within the Beier Howlett firm range from \$90.00 to \$110.00 per hour.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

Legal fees are budgeted in the General Fund in the amount of \$385,000 in the 2005 adopted budget.

Fund Name	Fund Account #	Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
General Fund	210-805001	Legal Fees-City Attorney	\$385,000	\$385,000	-0-

Vendor Name and Address:

Beier Howlett
200 East Long Lake Road, Suite 110
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2361

RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Department Authorization: Pat Somerville

Reviewed by:

Fiscal: *Julie Jenuwine*

Purchasing: *Jean Farris*

Clerks: *Susan Koliba-Galeczka*

Approved by: *Pat Somerville*

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