



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2024-0536

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer  
**DATE:** December 16, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** FY 2025 / City Attorney Services

**REQUEST:**

City Council is requested to authorize a blanket purchase order for 2025 City attorney services to Hafeli, Staran, & Christ, P.C., Sylvan Lake, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$250,000.

**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 2025, hourly rates are proposed at:

- Partner rate for legal work performed by John Staran = \$150/hr.
- Partner rate for legal work performed by P. Daniel Christ = \$150/hr.
- Hourly associate rates for services performed by other attorneys within the firm = \$135/hr.

**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 2025 Adopted Budget.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
General Fund	210.805001	Legal Fees: City Attorney	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Rochester Hills City Council authorize a blanket purchase order for 2025 City attorney services to Hafeli, Staran, & Christ, P.C., Sylvan Lake, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$250,000.

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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