



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2026-0140

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: P. Daniel Christ, City Attorney

DATE: March 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing legal services agreement related to AFFF Product Liability Litigation

REQUEST:

Request for City Council to consider and approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a legal services agreement with STAG LUIZZA, L.L.C. and MAVACY PLLC to represent the City of Rochester Hills related to AFFF Product Liability litigation MDL No. 2873.

BACKGROUND:

The Stag-Liuzza and Mavacy firm has contacted the city regarding potential representation of the City of Rochester Hills regarding an approximate 13 billion dollar PFAS settlement, AFFF Product Liability litigation multidistrict litigation, MDL No. 2873, pending in the United States District Court for the State of South Carolina. The case involves thousands of cases and claims relating to per- or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The cases generally allege that aqueous film-forming foams (AFFFs) containing perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and/or perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), two types of PFAS, contaminated groundwater, allege it caused damages including personal injuries, a need for medical monitoring, property damage or other economic losses. The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation determined the AFFF cases involved common questions of law and fact, and the District of South Carolina was selected as the forum for litigation.

There is a current Settlement Agreements designed to resolve Claims for PFAS contamination in Public Water Systems' Drinking Water, as those terms are defined in the respective Agreements, with the following groups of Settling Defendants: (1) the 3M company ("3M"); (2) E.I. Du Pont de Nemours and company (n/k/a Eidp, Inc.), Dupont de Nemours inc., the Chemours company, the Chemours company fc, llc, and Corteva, inc. (collectively, "Dupont"), (3) Tyco Fire Products LP ("Tyco") and Chemguard, Inc. ("Chemguard") (collectively, "the Tyco Defendants"), and (4) BASF Corporation ("BASF"). There is no cost for joining the PFAS settlement but **there is a deadline for communities to join by April 1, 2026**. Great Lakes Water Authority ("GLWA") did not file for this settlement but hired Stag-Liuzza to represent GLWA in future wastewater claims.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the legal services agreement with STAG LUIZZA, L.L.C. and MAVACY PLLC related to the AFFF Product Liability litigation MDL No. 2873.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney

Yes

N/A