



City Attorney's Office

# AGENDA REPORT

<b>DATE:</b>	December 20, 2022
<b>TO:</b>	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
<b>FROM:</b>	Dave Aleshire, City Attorney Shannon Moore, Chief Assistant City Attorney Alan M. Cohen, Senior Assistant City Attorney
<b>Subject:</b>	Amendment to Legal Services Agreement with Allen Glaessner Hazelwood & Werth for Litigation Defense Services
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	The total expenditure of \$250,000 was budgeted in fiscal year 2022-2023 Risk Management General Liability Fund 50182316-400554.
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b>	September 1, 2020, March 2, 2021, November 16, 2021, and December 21, 2021
<b>STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:</b>	To ensure the City has the appropriate legal representation necessary to defend personal injury litigation, the City Attorney requests approval of a fourth amendment to the legal services agreement with Allen, Glaessner, Hazelwood & Werth, LLP to increase the compensation by an amount not to exceed \$250,000
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	APPROVE a fourth amendment to the legal services agreement with the law firm of Allen Glaessner Hazelwood & Werth to increase the compensation by an amount not to exceed \$250,000, for a total compensation amount not to exceed \$960,000, for the term period beginning September 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2023 – City Attorney's Office (Dave Aleshire/Shannon Moore/Alan Cohen 510-620-6709).

**DISCUSSION:**

Allen Glaessner Hazelwood & Werth (Allen Glaessner) currently provides special counsel services defending the City in tort/dangerous condition and personal injury litigation. The firm is on the City Attorney's Office's approved 2018 Request for Qualifications (RFQ) list. It has the experience and expertise necessary to continue to represent the City of Richmond in pending and future dangerous condition and personal injury litigation. The City Attorney requests approval of this fourth amendment to the legal services agreement with Allen Glaessner in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. This request is made to ensure the City continues to retain legal counsel to defend the City in active litigation.

**DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

Attachment 1 – Allen Glaessner Hazelwood & Werth legal Services Agreement  
Attachment 2 - 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment  
Attachment 3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment  
Attachment 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment  
Attachment 5 - 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment (proposed)