



Staff Report

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Todd Parton, City Manager
DATE: June 2, 2020
SUBJECT: **Consideration of a Contract for City Attorney Services between the City of Beaumont and Slovak Baron Empey Murphy & Pinkney LLP**

Background and Analysis:

Attached is a new contract for legal services with Slovak Baron Empey Murphy & Pinkney LLP (SBEMP). SBEMP has served the City since May 4, 2015, when its original contract was awarded after a competitive selection process. SBEMP's current contract term runs from May 14, 2018, through June 1, 2020, after which it continues on a month-to-month basis.

SBEMP has proposed a new contract with a term that runs from June 1, 2020, through June 1, 2023. Rates contained within the contract remain unchanged from those established via the original contract of May 4, 2015. Additionally, the contract provides for an annual evaluation of SBEMP's performance and allows the City to terminate the agreement for any purpose with a 20-day notice.

Services proposed in the attached contract are also consistent with those specified in the expiring contract.

Fiscal Impact:

Legal services are budgeted to be for \$750,000 for FY2021.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the attached contract for City Attorney Services between the City of Beaumont and Slovak Baron Empey Murphy & Pinkney LLP.

Attachments:

- A. Contract for City Attorney Services between the City of Beaumont and Slovak Baron Empey Murphy & Pinkney LLP