



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Aniz Alani, Deputy City Attorney

Council Meeting Date: November 18, 2025

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider approval of a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Laura Mueller for Legal Services.

Agenda Item Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Summary/Background: City Attorney Laura Mueller has submitted her resignation from employment with the City but has indicated her willingness to continue providing legal services to support an orderly transition in the City Attorney's Office.

To avoid interruption in legal coverage for City Council, staff, and key boards and commissions, staff is recommending approval of a short-term Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") with Ms. Mueller that will allow her to provide legal services as an independent contractor through January 2, 2026. The proposed Agreement is included as an attachment.

This arrangement is being brought forward now to (1) preserve continuity of legal advice on matters that Ms. Mueller has been handling; (2) ensure coverage for December 2025 meetings, including City Council and TIRZ, if requested; and (3) provide staff with access to her subject-matter knowledge of ongoing land use, contract, and municipal governance matters while the City Attorney's Office completes its staffing transition.

Staff anticipate that a further Professional Services Agreement will be brought to City Council for consideration before the expiry of this Agreement to provide for continuing legal services after January 2, 2026.

**Commission
Recommendations:** N/A

**Recommended
Council Actions:** Approval of Professional Services Agreement/

Attachments: Draft agreement.