

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER ON BEHALF OF CITY ATTORNEY

MARY ELIZABETH GEIGER

DATE: MARCH 21, 2023

AGENDA TEXT: INCREASE IN LEGAL FEES – Discussion concerning an increase in City Attorney

legal fees

BACKGROUND

City Attorney Mary Elizabeth Geiger is requesting an increase in the City of Fruita's hourly rate for legal services from \$245/hour to \$250/hour. A memorandum from Ms. Geiger is attached that further explains the request.

The increase in legal fees will result in the need for an amendment to the City of Fruita's existing agreement with Garfield & Hecht, P.C. This agenda item provides the City Council the opportunity to discuss the increase with the City Attorney and if approving the request, direct her to draft an amendment to the City's existing agreement with Garfield & Hecht, P.C. to be placed on an upcoming City Council agenda for approval.