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Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of July 22, 2024

Title/Subject

Authorization to shift from a contracted prosecutor to a full-time employee.

Summary and Background

As I stated at the end of the budget adoption process, it has been difficult to find an attorney interested in taking on our city prosecutor position under a contract. Because our last contract prosecutor had resigned in March, City Attorney Tovey has been filling in to keep court functioning. That was never intended to be a long-term action. We had received no interest in the contractual position and so we decided to advertise an Assistant City Attorney/City Prosecutor position. This advertisement got four individuals interested in the position and there is one that staff is very interested in and would like hire.

In the budget the funds were allocated to a contracted type of position.

Tie-In to Council Goals

N/A

Fiscal Information

Under the Municipal Court budget, there was \$150,000 budgeted for a contractual city prosecutor position. The full-time employee position would be less than \$150,000 for salary and benefits. The bottom-line cost to the general fund would not be over budget.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

1. Authorize staff to shift to a full-time employee city prosecutor position and return in early 2025 to make official budget amendments to implement the financial changes.
2. Direct staff to stay with a contracted city prosecutor position.

Recommended Action/Motion

Motion to authorize staff to shift to a full-time employee city prosecutor position and return in early 2025 to make official budget amendments to implement the financial changes.

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