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**Request to add Agenda item to next meeting to discuss advertising for Proposals for Village Attorney position.**

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Dear Wes and Darwin,

We believe that it is time to select a new Village Attorney responsive to the needs of the Village Council and are requesting this item be added to the Village Council Agenda for September 22, 2025.

According to Section 3.9 and 3.10 of the Village Charter "The Village Manager, Clerk, and **Village Attorney shall hold office by virtue of election by the Council**, which body shall also set their salaries. They shall hold office at the pleasure of the Council."

The changing needs of the Village with regard to employment policies, public property usage issues, possible Cityhood, etc., require that the Village Attorney have an impartial and open mind toward our collective future and have adequate time to prioritize our work. Past alignments and political interests need to be set aside. Maintaining the status quo is no longer acceptable. Many very important legal issues remain unaddressed for many years and work is not progressing expeditiously.

Several years ago, we changed City Engineers from HRC to Nowak and Fraus, despite 30+ years with HRC, we saw an immediate change in operations and increased productivity. This change occurred through Council action, not through the Village Managers office.

Criticism of our current attorney, Beier Howlett, or discussion of their failures and victories are not warranted. We need only to look forward and not remain stuck in the past.

Regards,

Michael Lamb