

CITY OF LYNDEN



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	April 19, 2021	
Name of Agenda Item:	Agreement for Land Use Hearing Examiner services	
Section of Agenda:	New Business	
Department:	Administration	
Council Committee Review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	Legal Review: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required	
Attachments:	Agreement for Land Use Hearing Examiner services with Whatcom Law Group, P.S.	
Summary Statement:	<p>The City Council recently agreed to hire Rajeev Majumdar who is a partner in the Whatcom Law Group, as Lynden's first Land Use Hearing examiner. The Council is now asked to approve the attached contract for his services. The important terms contained in the document are identical to the ones contained in the proposal that accompanied his resume. Significantly they include a flat reimbursement of \$1,800 for each appeal hearing; \$1,400 for each hearing that does not involve an appeal, an a \$200/hour charge for matters the City requests but fall outside the specific scope of the contract. A Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) equal to the COLA applied to the City's non-represented workforce will be applied annually commencing in 2022. The contract is effective through December 31, 2024 with renewable terms. There are adequate funds in the 2021 budget to support this agreement.</p>	
Recommended Action:	Approve the contract with Whatcom Law Group for Land Use Hearing Examiner services.	