

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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| Meeting Date: | August 5, 2019 | |
| Name of Agenda Item: | Public Defender Interim Contract | |
| Section of Agenda: | New Business | |
| Department: | Administration | |
| Council Committee Review: | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| | | Legal Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required |
| Attachments: | 1) Public Defender Interim Contract | |
| Summary Statement: | <p>The City of Lynden provides Public Defender services to individuals who are accused of a crime but who cannot afford an attorney. Our previous Public Defender is no longer able to provide those services. As a result, the City needs to hire an interim replacement while recruiting a permanent Public Defender.</p> <p>Sharon Westergreen, a qualified attorney living in Everson, has agreed to provide Interim Public Defender services for the City until a permanent replacement can be identified. That search is expected to take 60 to 90 days. The cost and scope of the contract are generally comparable with of the cost and scope of the previous contract the City had with the previous Public Defender.</p> | |
| Recommended Action: | Approve the attached contract for interim Public Defender services | |