



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Mayor Byrnes and Administrator Hanson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 22, 2024
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Approve Legislative Services Agreement with Flaherty and Hood for 2025 and 2026
Background Information:	<p>Mayor and staff met with Flaherty and Hood Government Relations Senior Lobbyist Marty Seifert to review capital needs for the City of Marshall. Wastewater, street infrastructure, park and recreation facilities as well as public safety projects were discussed as needed to be funded in the future. To consider all revenue sources, the city is interested in partnering with the MN Legislature on funding some of the possible projects discussed. Initial projects highlighted for the 2025 legislative session include MERIT center Phase 3 completion and the city's Band Shell. Due to the sometimes complexities of the legislative process, Mayor and staff are recommending that the city pursue governmental relations expertise in order to secure legislative funding. Please see attached agreement from Flaherty and Hood for \$50,000 for 2025 and 2026. The 2025 proposed budget does include \$25,000 for legislative services.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	\$25,000 for 2025 and \$25,000 for 2026
Alternative/ Variations:	Do not approve the Agreement
Recommendations:	Approve Legislative Services Agreement with Flaherty and Hood for 2025 and 2026