



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, January 22, 2024

Subject: Approval of Contract with Inslee Best for City Attorney Services

Category: Consent

Staff Contact: Stephen R. Burns, City Manager

Summary

In November of 2023, the City sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for city attorney services. At the close of business on December 1, 2023, the City received two proposals. A Special Meeting of the Medina City Council was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, to interview both current contract attorney firm, Ogden Murphy Wallace, PLLC and newly interested firm Inslee Best.

While both firms were highly qualified and offered a full range of services for the city, staff with the support of Councilmembers present (Brazen, Garone, Luis, and Mayor Rossman) selected Ms. Jennifer Robertson and team of Inslee Best to be the City's contract attorney for Medina.

The City has notified Ogden Murphy Wallace, PLLC, that we will be ending the contract on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Following the approval of the Inslee Best contract, Jennifer Robertson and her team will begin the transition/hand over of any open items with city staff and Ogden Murphy Wallace, PLLC on February 1, 2024.

This meets and supports Council's priorities 1 and 3.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character

Attachment

Inslee Best Contract

Budget/Fiscal Impact: See Contract for Rates.

Recommendation: Approve.

City Manager Approval:

Proposed Council Motion: "I move to approve the contract with Inslee Best for city attorney services."