

# Council Agenda Statement

**Meeting Date:** February 17, 2026  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager  
**From:** Shelby Carlson, City Clerk



**Agenda Item:** Extending a Legal Services Agreement with Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Contract

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**BACKGROUND, JUSTIFICATION, & INTENT:**

The City has need of professional legal services in a wide variety of settings including employment relations, contracting, real property transactions, ordinance and resolution drafting, environmental and financial matters, as well as more generalized services to the City. It is in the public interest to engage the services of a law firm with the required areas of expertise and experience in municipal law issues.

Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot is currently the City's Attorney whose contract expired December 31, 2025. The City Attorney has agreed to extend the contract on the terms stated in the attached draft contract.

**CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:**

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Comprehensive Plan: <i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Whittier Code: <i>Chapter 2.18 City Attorney</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Other: <i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

**ATTORNEY REVIEW:**  Yes  No  Not Applicable

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Administration recommends approval of this resolution.