

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed legal services Agreement with Miller Barondess, LLP to provide legal services related to Human Resources advice and litigation.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE a contract with Miller Barondess, LLP for a period of three years, starting with \$50,000, for outside counsel assistance with Human Resources advice and litigation.
2. TRANSFER \$50,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, Outside Counsel Including Workers Compensation line item to the City Attorney, Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 009301.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney to report back to the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee with a confidential report before any additional funding appropriation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on August 14, 2024, your Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered a City Attorney report relative to a proposed legal services Agreement with Miller Barondess, LLP to provide legal services related to Human Resources advice and litigation.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee met in Closed Session to discuss the matter with their legal counsel. In open session, the Committee recommended to move forward the recommendations contained in the City Attorney report, as amended, to reduce the funding from \$500,000 to \$50,000 and for the City Attorney to report back to the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee before additional funding is appropriated, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	NO
McOSKER:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	ABSENT
PARK:	YES

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