



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MARCH 2, 2021
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: OUTSIDE COUNSEL EXPENDITURE REPORT

ISSUE:

Outside Counsel Expenditure Report for the period of October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council receives and files the attached report.

DISCUSSION:

In the continuing effort of transparency and accountability, in 2015, City Council approved a policy for the City Attorney to provide quarterly reports regarding outside counsel expenditures. This report includes the current spending for the prior quarter (October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020) and the cumulative spending from inception of the matter grouped by law firm name. All closed matters are highlighted and will not be included in the next report. It should be noted that bond counsel and contingency payments are not paid through the City's accounts payable division and therefore must be manually added to information derived from the City's accounting system. In the case of bond counsel payments, the payments are typically made directly by the bond trustee from bond proceeds. In the case of contingency payments, the payments are typically deducted from the funds received prior to deposit by the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

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Attachment: Outside Counsel Expenditure Report