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Councilors

During the City Attorney services discussion at your July 20th Budget Workshop, I advised Council that the law firm was seeking an increase of the City Attorney hourly rate, from \$275 to \$325 with a corresponding increase of the current \$12,500 monthly retainer to \$13,500. These rates are applied uniformly to all attorneys within the law firm.

I advised City Council that the Firm's Management Committee did consider other proposals, and the Management Committee offered other rate options, which I outlined, and I was requested to provide Council with an breakout of those options.

Effective October 1, 2026:

Option 1: The original proposed rate increase to \$325 / hour with a monthly retainer of \$13,500.

or

Option 2: The proposed hourly rate and monthly retainer increase, and thereafter, effective October 1st of each subsequent year a 4% increase or CPI (whichever is greater) applied to both the hourly rate and monthly retainer.

or

Option 3: **10/1/2026** **Effective 10/1/2027**

Monthly Retainer		14,000.00	15,000.00
Hourly Rate		315.00	335.00

or

Option 4:

Monthly Retainer		15,000.00	15,000.00
Hourly Rate		305.00	335.00

Any of the above would be acceptable to the Firm.

Of course, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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