

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC**

Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period July 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****ACTION**

This motion will approve the payment of claims and payroll for the month of July 2024

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to approve the payment of claims and payroll for the month of July 2024.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The information presented in the Fiscal Impact section covers all claims and payroll payments during the month of July. This item would have been put forward for Council approval at the fourth session in August, however due to the recess, this item is being submitted at the first regular session in September.

All payments made during this period were found to be valid claims against the City. Details are available from the Treasury Division of the Finance & Asset Management (FAM) Department.

The City's internal controls include certification of the validity of all payments by the appropriate department prior to submission for payment. The FAM Director has delegated authority for the examination of vouchers and authorization of payments to the Treasury Manager and Accounts Payable, Procurement and Payroll staff. Centralized Accounts Payable staff review all claims payments and Payroll performs system validation and exception reviews to validate payroll records. The Business Expense Coordinator in Treasury reviews all expense reimbursement claims. In addition, the Treasury Manager performs a random sampling review of supporting documentation for claims payments to ensure validity. The FAM Department regularly reviews its processes to ensure appropriate internal controls are in place.

**POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS****Policy Impact**

RCW 42.24.080 requires that all claims presented against the City by persons furnishing materials, rendering services, or performing labor must be certified by the appropriate official to ensure that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, or the labor performed as described, and that the claims are just, due and unpaid obligations against the City, before payment can be made.

RCW 42.24.180 allows expedited processing of the payment of claims when certain conditions have been met. The statute allows the issuance of warrants or checks in payment

of claims before the legislative body has acted to approve the claims when: (1) the appropriate officers have furnished official bonds; (2) the legislative body has adopted policies that implement effective internal control; (3) the legislative body has provided for review of the documentation supporting the claims within a month of issuance; and (4) that if claims are disapproved, they shall be recognized as receivables and diligently pursued. The City meets all of these conditions.

Bellevue City Code

BCC 4.40, Audit of Claims, provides that the FAM Director or his/her designee will examine all claims prior to payment.

BCC 4.40.030 allows for periodic reporting of the payments to Council for approval. To meet these requirements, FAM staff schedule payment of claims and payroll for monthly Council approval on the Consent Calendar.

**Fiscal Impact**

<u>Claims Check Numbers, including settlement of damage claims,</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
<u>Amounts Travel Advances and PayMode (electronic) deposits</u>	
00409119 – 00410102 (Checks)	\$17,734,979.43
10623 – 10639 (Travel)	
1067993 – 1068352 (PayMode)	
 <u>Direct Deposit and Payroll Check Numbers</u>	
0086130 – 0086314	\$19,226,997.12

These amounts were budgeted, and sufficient funds are available in the 2024 budget to cover these payments.

**OPTIONS**

1. Move to approve the payment of claims and payroll for the period of July 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024.
2. Do not approve the motion and provide alternate direction to staff.

**ATTACHMENTS**

N/A

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N/A