

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Contract with Friemund Jackson & Tardif, PLLC, outside legal counsel for the City, in the amount of \$300,000 for legal services in the matter of Khaleghi v. City of Bellevue.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This amendment to the Professional Services Contract is necessary to fund the existing contract through trial which is scheduled for November 30, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9740.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Cyrus Khaleghi alleges he was injured in 2016 when the car in which he was a passenger rolled over crushing the roof. In 2017, Mr. Khaleghi filed a lawsuit in King County Superior Court against the driver and car manufacturer. In 2019, Mr. Khaleghi amended his lawsuit alleging that the roadway was defective and adding the City as a defendant. Trial in this matter is scheduled for November 30, 2020. The City engaged Friemund Jackson & Tardif, PLLC to assist the City in defending the lawsuit. A Professional Services Contract was originally executed with Friemund Jackson & Tardif, PLLC in August 2019 in the amount of \$90,000. An amendment in the amount of \$300,000 is necessary to continue these legal services through the November trial.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**Policy Impact**

City policy provides that professional services contracts in excess of \$90,000 require Council approval.

Fiscal Impact

This action obligates the City in the amount up to \$300,000, plus all applicable taxes. There are sufficient funds in the General Self Insurance Fund to cover this amendment.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Contract with Friemund Jackson & Tardif, PLLC, outside legal counsel for the City, in the amount of \$300,000 for legal services in the matter of Khaleghi v. City of Bellevue.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9740

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Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement