



Memorandum

**Date:** 6/4/2024  
**Meeting of:** City Council

**File No.** AM No. 24-076  
**Type:** Consent Item

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney  
**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):**

Police	Chief Darrell Lowe	425-556-2529
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**DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

Police	Rena Thompson	Administrative Supervisor
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**TITLE:**  
Approval of the Christie Law Group, PLLC Contract 2023-2024

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

Christie Law Group has been retained to represent the individual Redmond Police Officers in the inquest into the death of Marcello Castellano pending under the King County Department of Executive Services Inquest Program. Under the inquest rules, the involved Redmond Police Officers are mandated to participate in the inquest. This contract is to cover the remaining attorney expenses for this inquest.

**Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

**Receive Information**       **Provide Direction**       **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
N/A
- **Required:**  
Contract amount requires Council approval.
- **Council Request:**  
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**  
N/A

**OUTCOMES:**

King County Executive Dow Constantine ordered an inquest into the death of Mr. Castellano on September 29, 2022. Under the inquest rules, the involved Redmond Police Officers were mandated to participate in the inquest that ran

from December 4<sup>th</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. They were required to provide testimony. Christie Law Group, PLLC participated in the inquest on behalf of the involved officers, including preparing and presenting the testimony of the officers.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**  
N/A

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**  
\$200,000.00

**Approved in current biennial budget:**       Yes       No       N/A

**Budget Offer Number:**  
N/A

**Budget Priority:**  
Safe and Resilient

**Other budget impacts or additional costs:**       Yes       No       N/A

**If yes, explain:**  
N/A

**Funding source(s):**  
General Fund

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**  
N/A

**Additional budget details attached**

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
4/9/2024	Special Meeting	Receive Information

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

**Time Constraints:**

Contract is to cover the remaining costs of legal services.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

Unable to pay legal fees

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Christie Law Group Contract 2.8.2024