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3/19/2024	1	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	presented	

TO: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

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 4th through December 19th, 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
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
4/2/2024	Business Meeting	Approve

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