



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Jones Hall Legal Services Agreement

Date: August 26, 2025

Submitted By: Matthew McOmber, City Attorney

Department: City Attorney's Office

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Approving the Agreement for Legal Services with Jones Hall, a Professional Law Corporation, and Authorizing the City Attorney to Execute the Agreement.

Background:

The law firm of Jones Hall has served as bond and disclosure counsel for various bond related matters for the City for many years. In order to continue utilizing the firm's legal services for future bond transactions, the City Attorney recommends entering into a new agreement for legal services with the firm so they are engaged at the earliest stages of future bond transactions and can advise City staff on legal compliance and related matters.

The proposed Agreement with Jones Hall has a term of five (5) years, and per industry standards, the fee for services will be a flat contingency rate, paid from the bond proceeds. The amount of the contingency will be approved by the City Attorney when each bond transaction occurs and will be based on the amount of work needed and the complexity of the transaction.

The City Attorney will continue to oversee the work of outside counsel, and on an ongoing basis as appropriate or other times that the City Manager or City Council may request, will provide administrative and budgetary updates to the City Council pertaining to projects for which Jones Hall serves as outside legal counsel.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact resulting from the staff recommendation. The City will engage Jones Hall as bond counsel or disclosure counsel on an as-needed basis. Payment for their services is typically made from bond proceeds or from the funds backing the bonds, as determined by the City. These fees are considered a cost of issuance and are incorporated into the overall financing structure. Each bond issuance will be presented to the City Council for approval, along with a breakdown of associated costs, including legal services provided by Jones Hall when designated as bond counsel for the transaction.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Resolution Exhibit A - Agreement for Legal Services