



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 06, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Karen T. Diemer, City Manager

PREPARER: Karen T. Diemer, City Manager

DATE: August 31, 2023

TITLE: **Approve a Transitional Contract For Legal Services with City Attorney Nancy Diamond.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Council approve the attached Contract for Legal Services/City Attorney with Nancy Diamond, Attorney at Law, effective September 7, 2023.

INTRODUCTION:

City Attorney Nancy Diamond has provided professional legal services to the Arcata Community for over 20 years. As part of the City transition to a new legal firm, she has graciously agreed to provide support and assistance to the transfer of legal services. This contract is to provide transition legal services.

BACKGROUND:

City Attorney Nancy Diamond has served the Arcata Community for over 20 years. She served in partnership for several years until she transitioned to an individual law practice in 2003 serving as the City's primary City Attorney ever since.

Attorney Diamond has graciously agreed to support the City's transition to a new legal team. The City Council conducted a wide search and is prepared to enter into an agreement with a new legal firm effective September 7, 2023. This Contract will allow the City to continue to retain Attorney Diamond's support and assistance to transition City Attorney services to the new firm.

A transitional contract for Legal Services has been prepared and is attached for the Council's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Diamond Transitional Contract 9-7-23 (DOC)