



AGENDA SUMMARY
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Appointment of City Attorney Robert N. Black
DEPARTMENT: City Attorney
PREPARED BY: Autumn E. Luna, City Attorney
PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution and approve a legal services agreement with Robert N. Black, appointing him to serve as City Attorney effective May 7, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

DISCUSSION

Robert N. Black has provided legal services to the City of Eureka on a near continuous basis since 2018. In 2018 Mr. Black's law office, Black & Rice LLP, began providing legal services to the City of Eureka on a contract basis. In 2022, when the City of Eureka appointed Autumn E. Luna to the role of in-house City Attorney, Mr. Black continued to serve as contract Assistant City Attorney until February 2025, when the City filled the in-house Deputy City Attorney position.

On April 1, 2025, City Attorney Autumn E. Luna announced her resignation from the City, having accepted a position with the City of Santa Rosa. The City is therefore in need, once again, of Mr. Black's trusted counsel. Mr. Black has agreed to assume the role of City Attorney as of May 7, 2025. Approval of the proposed contract with Mr. Black assures continuity of attorney services of the highest professionalism.