



## CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item 2**  
**February 21, 2012**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to proceed with the following recommendations pertaining to the City's General Counsel Legal Services:

- A. Authorize the immediate retention by the City of Novi of the law firm of Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich PC to perform general legal counsel services on behalf of the City of Novi, at the same legal fee schedule as the former legal services contract between the City and Secrest Wardle, for a time period not to exceed thirty (30) days until a formal legal services contract can be approved by City Council:
- B. Authorize the City Manager and Attorney David B. Landry to negotiate a Contract for General Legal Counsel Services between the City of Novi and the law firm Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich PC, for presentation to the Consultant Review Committee for recommendation to the City Council for approval, to cover time period through December 31 2012 with an option on the part of the City to renew for an additional year to December 31, 2013 said contract to include the same legal fee schedule as the former legal services contract with Secrest Wardle

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** City Manager

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** 

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City of Novi receives General Counsel Legal Services from a contracted legal firm who provides legal support to everything not pertaining to labor or prosecution. With the City's longstanding legal representative, Tom Schultz, and colleagues constituting a new firm with Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich PC, the City Council is being recommended to approve an interim agreement with the aforementioned firm and direct City Manager Clay Pearson and attorney David B. Landry to negotiate a new agreement. The proposed contract agreed by the two entities will then be considered by the Consultant Review Committee (CRC) for recommendation to City Council at their March 12, 2012 meeting. The new agreement with Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich PC will include the same legal fee schedule as the former legal service contract with Secrest Wardle.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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<b>Mayor Gatt</b>				
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Staudt</b>				
<b>Council Member Casey</b>				
<b>Council Member Fischer</b>				

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<b>Council Member Margolis</b>				
<b>Council Member Mutch</b>				
<b>Council Member Wrobel</b>				