## CARRY FORWARD FUNDS FOR BELL COUNTY LAWSUIT

## Background

- On April 11, 2023, Bell County sued the City seeking to invalidate the marijuana enforcement ordinance adopted by the citizens of Killeen.
- On June 27, 2023, the City Council ratified an agreement with Sheils Winnubst for legal services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for FY 2023 without further Council approval.
- □ The balance remaining in authorized funding for FY 2023 is \$42,213.68.

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- □ The lawsuit was not resolved in 2023.
- □ To continue to defend the lawsuit, approval is needed to carry forward the remainder of funds previously approved for FY 2023 into FY 2024.
  - This would not increase the amount of funding previously approved.

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To continue to defend the lawsuit filed by Bell County, Staff recommends that the City Council approve carrying forward the remainder of previously approved funds into FY 2024.