TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
FROM: *TW* Tadd Wille, Budget Director, Office of Management & Budget
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Approving Contract for Indigent Defense Legal Services
DATE: January 20, 2017

SUMMARY:
Approving a contract with the Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel to continue providing defense services to those who cannot afford them in the Tacoma Municipal Court. The total cost of the contract for 2017 is $1,989,299.00.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents

BACKGROUND:
The Office of Management & Budget (OMB) is responsible for managing the contract for indigent defense legal services. For the last several years, the City has worked with Pierce County's Department of Assigned Counsel to provide indigent defense services through an inter-local agreement. In an effort to improve the City's procurement process, OMB has moved the inter-local agreement to a professional services contract. This contract will now include further budget detail, workload measure data, and confirmation that both organizations are meeting Washington State standards for providing indigent defense legal services.

ALTERNATIVES:
City Council could decline the contract and recommend a competitive solicitation. The City would be non-compliant to state mandated services during the time there would be no legal representation.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approving the contract with Pierce County's Department of Assigned Counsel to continue providing indigent defense legal services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
0100 – General Fund: Non Departmental	654000	5311300	$1,989,299
TOTAL			**$1,989,299**

* General Fund: Include Department

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: $1,989,299 (2017 CONTRACT COSTS)

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? YES