



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 10/10/2023

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MYR - Texas Municipal League Renewal 2023

Agenda Item#: 1.

Summary:

RECOMMENDATION from the Director of Government Relations for annual renewal of membership in the **TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE** - \$100,988.00 - General Fund

Background:

The Texas Municipal League (TML) has a membership of 1,170 cities and exists solely to provide services to Texas cities. TML is an effective organization for Texas municipalities, both large and small, with regard to advocating positions on pending legislation to members of both the Texas Legislature and Congress. The organization employs full-time attorneys who are available to provide advice and information on municipal legal matters. TML sponsors conferences and educational events and publishes informational materials to keep members apprised of current issues affecting municipal government. The City of Houston has been a member since 1913.

During the last regular legislative session, TML continued its role as spokesman for cities. More than 8,000 bills were filed with approximately 2,000 of those impacting cities in Texas in the regular session. TML reads and analyzes each bill and meets with the cities each week during the regular session to coordinate testimony and strategize with a focus on defeating legislation that would erode municipal authority and local control or that would otherwise be detrimental to cities.

TML advocates for cities on a wide range of issues, including transportation, water, economic development, and job creation.

During the interim, TML monitors and advises cities on all interim committees and issues.

City staff members are represented at policy meetings. The City also has representation on the Executive Board of Directors.

TML hosted its annual conference in Houston in 2021 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Attendance was 4,699 and there was a \$4,517,386 positive impact on the local economy. The conference returns to Houston in 2024.

Membership dues reflect an increase of \$6,640 over last year and are based on population. Membership renewal with the Texas Municipal League is recommended.

FISCAL NOTE: Funding for this item is included in the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Bill Kelly, Director of Government Relations

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$100,988.00
General Fund
Fund No. 1000

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
TML Renewal Invoice	Backup Material
TML Renewal Letter	Backup Material