



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 10/15/2024

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MYR - Texas Municipal League Renewal 2024

Agenda Item#: 2.

Summary:

RECOMMENDATION from Chief of Intergovernmental Relations for annual renewal of membership in the **TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE** - \$103,925.00 - 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, 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 be detrimental to cities. The 89th Legislative Session that commences in January 2025 is expected to have as many or more bills filed.

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 October 9 -11, 2024 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Attendance estimates are 6,500 attendees, exhibitors, sponsors and staff with an estimated \$9,000,000 overall positive impact on the local economy.

Membership dues reflect an increase of \$2,937 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 2025 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Joshua Sanders, Chief of Intergovernmental Relations

DEPARTMENT	Estimated Spending Authority		TOTAL
	FY2025	OUTYEARS	
General Government	\$103,925.00	\$0.00	\$103,925.00

Amount and Source of Funding:

General Fund
\$103,925.00
Fund 1000

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
TML 2024 Cover Letter	Backup Material
TML Invoice 2024	Backup Material
RCA Funding Information	Financial Information