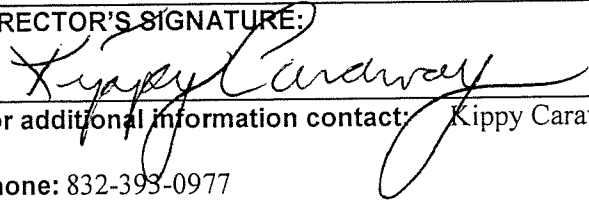
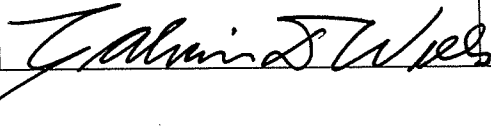


TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: Ordinance Authorizing Johnson & Johnson to Represent the City of Houston before the 84th Session of the Texas Legislature and State Agencies		Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
FROM (Department or other point of origin): Kippy Caraway, Director, Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations and Deputy Chief of Staff		Origination Date	Agenda Date	
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 		Council District affected: All		
For additional information contact: Kippy Caraway Phone: 832-393-0977		Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: 11/09/2010 (Ord. No. 2010-0872)		
RECOMMENDATION: (Summary) Approve an ordinance authorizing contract with Johnson & Johnson to represent the City of Houston before the Texas Legislature during the next Legislative Session and to represent the City before State Agencies for two years.				
Amount and Source of Funding: \$574,655.00— General Fund—FY15 \$182,395.00— General Fund—FY16 & FY17		Finance Budget:		
SPECIFIC EXPLANATION: The Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations recommends City Council approve a contract with Johnson & Johnson. Robert E. Johnson, Jr., Managing Partner, will act as "team coordinator" and engage various subcontractors to assist the team coordinator in representing the City of Houston before the Texas Legislature during the next Legislative Session, any special called sessions, before interim committees and State Agencies for a two year period. Mr. Johnson has extensive experience working with the Texas Legislature and State Agencies in a team leader/coordinator capacity. During the 83rd Session, Mr. Johnson and the Houston team successfully advocated the City's position on numerous pieces of legislation. Mr. Johnson and the team will meet weekly during session with City staff to discuss the upcoming week's activities. They review and track hundreds of bills, amend legislation, contact and meet with legislators, and attend hearings. Examples of successfully introduced and passed legislation include: providing the City with access to public utility easements for recreational use; strengthening laws to address nuisance properties; and providing necessary guidelines and procedures for the disposition of weapons seized from a person in a mental crisis. As is the case each session, it is anticipated the City will spend the majority of the session defending against legislation that could have an adverse impact on the City. During the upcoming session, the Legislature will be taking up several critical and time consuming issues, such as transportation funding, infrastructure and water, public education, and budget. The Legislature may also continue to look to local governments to raise revenue and/or serve as a collector. The City solicited proposals through an RFQ in the fall of 2014. An executive selection committee carefully reviewed the 4 proposals that were received and recommended the selection of Johnson and Johnson. The proposed contract provides for a two-year term with a maximum contract amount of \$757,050.00. The proposed contract will coincide with the term of the 84th Session as well as any special called sessions and interim activities.				
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION				
Finance Director:	Other Authorization: 	Other Authorization:		