

**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Date: 11/28/2017

Item Creation Date: 11/3/2017

LGL- Amend Ordinance to Increase Maximum Contract Amount for Workers' Comp Legal Services

Agenda Item#: 23.

Summary:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-1132, AS AMENDED, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE DEAN G. PAPPAS LAW FIRM PLLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS PAPPAS & SUCHMA, P.C.), FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS PROGRAM; CONTAINING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Background:

Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2011-1132, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount and approving and authorizing a Second Amendment to the Contract between the City and Dean G. Pappas Law Firm, PLLC (formerly known as Pappas and Suchma, PC) to extend the contract term to provide Legal Services relating to the City's Workers' Compensation Benefits Program.

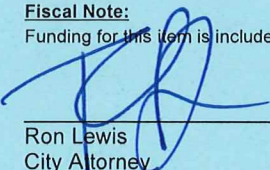
SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The City currently has a contract with Dean G. Pappas Law Firm, PLLC (formerly known as Pappas and Suchma, PC) ("Firm") to provide Legal Services relating to the City's Workers' Compensation Benefits Program ("Program"). This contract expires on December 31, 2017. The City Attorney recommends that City Council approve an amendment to the above contract to extend the contract term for an additional 6 months through June 30, 2018 and to increase the maximum contract amount to fund the additional term. This extension will permit the Legal Department and the Strategic Purchasing Department to finalize a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Legal Services relating to the Workers' Compensation Benefits Program ("Program"). The current contract contains a "termination for convenience" clause which will permit the City to terminate the contract early should the RFP process conclude before June 30, 2018.

Upon the conclusion of the RFP process, the item will be placed on the Council agenda to award the contract to the successful proposer.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item is included in the FY2018 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policy Ord. 2014-1078.


Ron Lewis
City Attorney**Prior Council Action:**

Ord. 2011-1132; 12/14/2011

Ord. 2013-1164; 12/18/2013

Amount of Funding:Current Maximum Contract Amount: \$1,560,000Additional Allocation: \$176,000 (Workers' Compensation Fund #1011 Revolving Fund)New Maximum Contract Amount: \$1,736,000**Contact Information:**

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Type

Ordinance 11.6.17
Prior Council Action: 2011-1132
Prior Council Action: 2013-1164

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