



CITY OF HOUSTON – CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 12/4/2018

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LGL-Denton Navarro Legal Services: Increase Maximum Spending
Agenda Item#:

Summary:

An ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2017-0612 to increase the maximum contract amount for an agreement for legal services between the City and Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C. for legal representation of the City of Houston in *Houston Professional Fire Fighters' Association, Local 341, Plaintiff vs. City of Houston, Texas*, Defendant, pending in Cause No. 2017-42885 in the 234th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas; containing provisions relating to the subject; and declaring an emergency.

Background:

The City has a contract with Denton, Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P. C. ("Firm") countersigned August 16, 2017, with a maximum contract amount of \$270,000 for professional legal services to represent the City in negotiation of the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Houston and the Houston Professional Fire Fighters' Association, also known as the International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO-CLC, Local Union 341 ("Local Union 341") and related matters, and other legal services as the City Attorney requests.

The City is over a year into the litigation with Local Union 341 in Cause No. 2017-42885 in the 234th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas.

The additional funding is necessary to cover the cost of expert witness as well as an interlocutory and a certified appeal.

The additional funding will increase the maximum amount from \$270,000 to \$455,500, which amount represents an increase of \$185,500.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this item is included in the FY19 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

M/WBE Participation: The M/WBE participation goal for the contract is 24%. To date, the Firm is achieving 18% participation, met by the certified firm of Callier Law Group PLLC. The Office of Business Opportunity will continue to monitor this contract to ensure maximum M/WBE participation.



Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney

Prior Council Action:

Ordinance No. 2017-0612

Amount of Funding:

\$185,500.00

Property & Casualty Fund
Fund No.: 1004

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