

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 26, 2007

**Law**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 21**

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**Subject:** Authorize the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the outside counsel contract with Scott Douglass and McConnico, L.L.P., Austin, TX for legal services related to Water Treatment Plant 4, in an amount of \$100,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

**For More Information:** Marty Terry, Assistant City Attorney 974-2974

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The City Council approved an initial contract with Casey Dobson of Scott, Douglass & McConnico, L.L.P. in the amount of \$150,000 to provide legal services in connection with potential litigation and/or other state or federal court actions concerning the City's design and construction of Water Treatment Plant 4. Additional services are needed, and it is estimated that the additional \$100,000 will be sufficient to provide continued strategic legal advice and consultation regarding the proposed location of the treatment plant for the next several months. Should litigation regarding the location of the plant be filed, additional funds may be necessary for defense of the City's decision regarding the plant's location.