

AGENDA



Thursday, July 26, 2007

Law
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 19**

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the outside counsel contract with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., Austin, TX, for legal services related to Cause No. D-1-GN-05-004217; Anne Ashmun, City of Austin, Neighbors Organized to Protect the Environment and John Sikoski v. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; in the 353rd Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas in an amount of \$40,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Operating Budget of Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

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This action authorizes an amendment to the legal services contract with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., Austin, TX, to provide legal counsel regarding Cause No. D-1-GN-05-004217; Anne Ashmun, City of Austin, Neighbors Organized to Protect the Environment and John Sikoski v. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; in the 353rd Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas. The Law Department contracted with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. on March 27, 2007. The original contract amount was \$10,000, which was under the department's administrative authority. Council is now being asked to authorize an additional \$40,000 on this contract. This will be used for the firm to complete its representation of the City in the case.