

AGENDA



Thursday, September 27, 2007

**Law
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the outside counsel contract with THOMPSON & KNIGHT, L.L.P., Austin, TX for negotiating and drafting documents related to the redevelopment of Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Project in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,316,500.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office.

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Prior Council Action: On May 23, 2002, Council authorized \$500,000; on May 13, 2004, Council authorized \$166,500; on September 30, 2004, Council authorized \$250,000; on February 3, 2005, Council authorized \$150,000; and on September 28, 2006, Council authorized \$100,000.

This amendment increases the amount of the legal contract with Thompson & Knight, L.L.P. for representation in negotiating and drafting documents related to the redevelopment of the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Project.

The Law Department contracted with this firm on May 31, 2002. Council approved a resolution for the original contract amount of \$500,000 on May 23, 2002, which was funded by the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office. On May 13, 2004 the Council approved an increase to this contract in the amount of \$166,500. On September 30, 2004, the Council approved an increase in the amount of \$250,000. On February 3, 2005, Council approved an increase to this contract in the amount of \$150,000. On September 28, 2006, Council approved an increase to this contract in the amount of \$100,000. Additional payment authority of up to \$150,000 is necessary to pay anticipated fees through the end of the Fiscal Year 2009, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,316,500.

The Council is now requested to authorize the expenditure of an additional \$150,000, which will be funded by Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office, to pay anticipated fees and expenses of Thompson & Knight, L.L.P. This will bring the total contract amount to \$1,316,500.