

AGENDA



Thursday, December 6, 2007

Law
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 13**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the legal services agreement with Webb & Webb, related to franchise negotiations with Atmos Energy Corporation in the amount of \$75,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$115,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Financial and Administrative Services.

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The Law Department contracted with Webb & Webb on March 19, 2007 for legal services and negotiation of a new franchise with Atmos Energy Corporation. Because negotiations to date have failed to produce a final agreement, the current contract amount of \$40,000 is insufficient to complete this transaction. The current amendment of \$75,000 increases the amount of the contract with Webb & Webb for a total contract amount not to exceed \$115,000 in anticipation of continued negotiations and related to use of right-of-way issues.

This additional funding will provide for continued negotiations and other related legal matters needed to complete the new franchise agreement.