Thursday, February 28, 2008

Law RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 15

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a legal services agreement with Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, L.L.P., as lead negotiator and legal co-counsel for labor negotiations for the Fire, Police, Emergency Management Services and Public Safety Emergency Management Departments in an amount not to exceed \$230,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Law Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no anticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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This year the City will be negotiating with public safety employees in the Fire, Police, EMS, and PSEM Departments. The negotiations should begin in March and will require a significant length of time to complete. Attorneys from the firm of Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal will act as lead negotiator and legal co-counsel for each of the negotiations. The attorneys have performed this role in our public safety negotiations for the past few years and are familiar with our current labor contracts and the bargaining history of those contracts.