Thursday, July 24, 2008

Law RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 36

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the legal services agreement with Richards, Rodriguez & Skeith, Attorneys at Law, for legal services related to annexation of the Peninsula area in the amount of \$25,500, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$75,200.

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

Prior Council Action: In 2007, the City of Austin hired Daniel Richards of Hilgers, Bell & Richards, LLP, to provide legal representation in connection with annexation of the Peninsula area. The name of the firm has been changed to Richards, Rodriguez & Skeith. The services of Daniel Richards are still needed to provide additional legal representation in this matter. The original contract amount was for \$39,700, with an amendment for a \$10,000 increase in February, 2008. The current requested amendment is for \$25,500, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$75,200.