Thursday, August 21, 2008

Law RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 13

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the legal services agreement with Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, L.L.P., as lead negotiator and legal co-counsel related to labor negotiations for the Fire, Police, Emergency Management Services and Public Safety Emergency Management Departments in the amount of \$30,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$260,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Economic Development Fund.

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

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Prior Council Action: Council authorized the agreement on February 28, 2008 in the amount of \$230,000.

This amendment increases the amount of the legal contract with Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal to provide legal services as lead negotiator and legal co-counsel related to labor negotiations with public safety employees in the Fire, Police, EMS, and PSEM Departments. The negotiations began in May and are still ongoing.

The Law Department originally contracted with this firm on May 12, 2008, for an original amount of \$230,000 to cover labor negotiations through the end of July. Although the original amount is not exhausted, negotiations are anticipated to continue into September. Council is now requested to authorize an additional \$30,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$260,000. This amendment is necessary to cover estimated legal fees through September.