Thursday, June 18, 2009

## Law RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 21

**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 Department in an amount not to exceed \$83,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire 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 Department. The negotiations should begin in August and will require an undetermined length of time to complete. Attorneys from the firm of Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal will act as lead negotiator and legal cocunsel for 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.

The projected cost for these legal services is set out in the attached budget prepared by Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal.