Thursday, December 17, 2009

Government Relations RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 45

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of contracts for representation services for a total combined amount not to exceed \$740,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budgets of the Government Relations Office, the Solid Waste Services Department, the Austin Water Utility, and Austin Energy.

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

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These contractors will provide consulting and other professional services for the City during the 81st Interim Legislative Session and any additional special called sessions. The contractors will provide advice to the City and will be responsible for assisting the City in its efforts before the legislature. Further, they will provide additional related services as needed, including communicating on the City's behalf with State agencies. The contractors will be in a position to advance the interests of the City in legislation and to influence the legislative process.