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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	27826	Agenda Number	11.
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Meeting Date:	10/3/2013	Department:	Legal
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to a legal services contract with Renea Hicks for services related to City of Austin v. Harry M. Whittington, et al, Cause No. D-1-GV-07-00942 in the 353rd District Court of Travis County Texas, in the amount of \$50,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$197,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Boards and
Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

Renea Hicks has been the City's appellate lawyer on the Whittington litigation for many years. The right to take issue in this condemnation case was decided in the City's favor by the Texas Supreme Court. Afterwards, the trial court entered a final judgment in May 2013. The Whittingtons have appealed that judgment. They challenge the judge's determination about the parties' rights to pre judgment interest. The increase in outside counsel contract is to pay for the additional work now required to handle this further appeal.