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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	43851	Agenda Number	11.
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Meeting Date:	4/23/2015	Department:	Legal
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to a legal services contract with Parker, Hudson, Ranier and Dobbs, LLP, for services related to Austin Fire Department hiring issues and related litigation, in the amount of \$60,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$445,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Council Committee,
Boards and
Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

Lawrence Ashe, a partner in Parker Hudson Rainier and Dobbs, LLC, has been the City's outside legal counsel in connection with the investigations of hiring practices at the Austin Fire Department by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the DOJ enforcement action presently pending in federal court. The increase in the cost of this outside counsel contract is to cover additional work by Mr. Ashe and other professionals under his direction, including claims administrators and consulting experts that will be necessary in light of the federal court legal proceedings arising in the DOJ's enforcement action. The funding for this amendment will be paid from the City's liability reserve account. There have been two previous increases in the amount of this contract, which were approved by Council on October 24, 2013 and June 26, 2014.