Outside Counsel CITY OF AUSTIN RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION



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<u>SUBJECT</u>: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the outside counsel contract with THOMPSON & KNIGHT, L.L.P. Austin, TX, for negotiating and drafting documents related to the Redevelopment of Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Project in the amount of \$250,000, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$916.500.

<u>AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING</u>: Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available in the fiscal year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office. There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

| REQUESTING Law | DIRECTOR'S |
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| DEPARTMENT: | AUTHORIZATION: |

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: On 5/23/02 Resolution # 020523-24 in the amount of \$500,000; On 5/16/04 Item # 4 - in the amount of \$166,500.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

This amendment increases the amount of the legal services contract with Thompson & Knight, L.L.P., for representation in negotiating and drafting documents related to the Redevelopment of Robert Mueller Municipal Airport project.

The Law Department contracted with this firm on May 31, 2002. Council approved a resolution for the original contract amount of \$500,000 on May 23, 2002, which was funded by the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office. On May 13, 2004 The Council approved an additional payment of \$166,500. Additional payment authority of up to \$250,000 is necessary to pay anticipated fees to finalize the master development plan.

The Council is now requested to authorize the expenditure of an additional \$250,500, which will be funded by Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office, to pay anticipated fees and expenses of Thompson & Knight, L.L.P. This will bring the total contract amount to \$916,500.