

AGENDA



Thursday, March 11, 2010

Law
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 23**

Subject: Authorize execution of an amendment to the legal services contract with MGT of America, Inc. for representation services on behalf of the City of Austin for an increase of \$30,000, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$70,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

The amendment increases the amount of the legal services contract between the City and MGT of America, Inc. This organization provides legal counsel and investigative services to the City in connection with personnel issues and claims arising at Austin Water Utility.

The City initially retained MGT of America, Inc., in November 2009 when it determined there was a need for independent investigative review and advice to City management concerning a number of potentially related external claims of employment discrimination arising at Austin Water Utility during the last half of 2009.

The Council is now asked to authorize the expenditure of up to an additional \$30,000, which would be funded out of the current operating budget of the Austin Water Utility, to pay anticipated fees and expenses of MGT of America, Inc. This will bring the the total contract amount to a maximum of \$70,000. This increase is expected to cover all future services within the scope of this contract.