

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	51603	Agenda Number	12.
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Meeting Date:	10/15/2015	Department:	Legal
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Subject

Authorize execution of an amendment of a legal services agreement with Thompson and Knight for legal representation in the Hopkins v. City of Austin et al, Cause Nos., D-1-GN-15-001711, D-1-GN-15 003115 and D-1-GN-15-000927, Travis County District Court lawsuits. The amount of the increase is \$140,000. This increase would bring the total amount of the professional services contract to \$198,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Meghan Riley, Litigation Division Chief, 512-974-2458
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Plaintiff is a former City of Austin police officer who has filed over 600 public information requests ("PIRs") with the City of Austin ("City") and at least six lawsuits against the City, City officials and numerous City employees since he was dismissed from the Austin Police Department. The City law department is handling three of the lawsuits. Three of the lawsuits generally relate to the handling of Plaintiff's PIRs by the City and City personnel. In those lawsuits, Plaintiff has named over 30 City Officials and employees, including the City Attorney and has named several City Departments, including the Law Department. Additionally, since filing his original public information lawsuits, he has filed numerous complaints against City employees with agencies and prosecutors, including the Texas Secretary of State and the Travis County Attorney. Plaintiff has filed or attempted to file complaints against the City's law department counsel with the State Bar of Texas. At the request of the City's outside counsel, the three cases (Cause Nos. D-1-GN-15-001711, D-1-GN-15 003115, and D-1-GN-15-000927) have been consolidated by an order signed by Honorable Karin Crump on September 25, 2015.