

M Management Committee
 For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 22, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date

Prepared: June 16, 2011

Subject: Technical Amendment to Legal Services Agreements; No Budget Impacts

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the General Counsel to amend legal services agreements to increase the maximum contract prices as follows:

<u>Law Firm</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>New Price</u>
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Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

General Counsel Donald Mueting presented the proposed amendment to the Committee and gave a brief description for the increase pertaining to contract terms and budget information. Motion to authorize the proposed contract amendment was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

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Business Item

Item: 2011-160

Meeting date: June 15, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: May 27, 2011

Subject: Technical Amendment to Legal Services Agreement; No Budget Impacts

District(s), Member(s):

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes § 473.129, subd. 3

Staff Prepared/Presented: Donald Mueeting, General Counsel
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Division/Department: Office of General Counsel

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Background

The Office of General Counsel procures outside legal services for various public law matters. The Contract Price set in each agreement represents a cap on the amount payable; it is a "ceiling," and not a guarantee or entitlement. Regardless of any Contract Price, the actual amount paid under a legal services agreement is based upon: actual services requested and rendered, and the budget amount(s) approved by the Metropolitan Council. In order for the Counsel to continue receiving legal services under each of these contracts, the Contract Price must be increased.

Rationale

The proposed amendment would allow the General Counsel to pay for essential legal services.

Funding

No funding implications or impacts.

Known Support / Opposition

None