

# M Management Committee

Meeting date: January 13, 2010

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	December 30, 2010
<b>Subject:</b>	Technical Amendments to Legal Services Agreements; No Budget Impacts
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statute § 473.129, subd. 3
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Donald Muetting, General Counsel 651.602.1463
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Office of General Counsel

## 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>
Lockridge Grindal	Legal Services related to Housing, Land Use, Planning, Parks Open Space and Other Matters	09/09/01 - 12/31/10	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$750,000
Provo-Petersen O'Neill	Legal Services related to Tort & Property Damage Contract No. 08P044B	1/31/09 - 1/31/12	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000

## 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.

## Rationale

When Contract Prices exceed \$250,000, each subsequent amendment must be approved by the Metropolitan Council. The proposed amendments would allow the General Counsel to pay for essential legal services.

## Funding

No funding implications or impacts.

## Known Support / Opposition

None