

Management Committee

Business Item

Item: 2009-175

Meeting date: May 13, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: May 13, 2009

Subject: Amendment to Service Agreement; No Budget Impacts

District(s), Member(s):

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute § 473.19, subd. 3

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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>
Bassford Remele	Legal Services related to Tort and Property Damage Contract No. 06P152A	1/1/07-12/31/09	\$875,000	\$125,000	\$1,000,000
Parker Rosen	Legal Services related to Tort and Property Damage Contract No. 06P152B	1/1/07-12/31/09	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$375,000

Background

Metropolitan Council procures outside legal services for various public law matters. These service contracts are typically awarded through a process of competitive negotiation using a formal or informal RFP process. 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 amendment would allow the Metropolitan Council to pay for essential legal services.

Funding

No funding implications or impacts.

Known Support / Opposition

None.