

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of September 23, 2014 Action Item for the City Council Meeting of September 30, 2014

DATE: September 5, 2014

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

FROM: Miles Risley, City

Attorney

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826-3360

Legal Services Contract with Tim Brown for general water issues

CAPTION:

Motion to authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a legal services agreement with Timothy L. Brown to advise the City on water rights and general water law issues, at monthly rate of \$7,000 plus expenses.

PURPOSE:

To obtain legal services for general water law issues for FY 2014-2015.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Tim Brown has many years of experience in dealing with City of Corpus Christi water issues.

ALTERNATIVES:

Hire water law specialist as a permanent City employee.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Mr. Brown provides legal advice during legislative session concerning water issues.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This request conforms to City Charter provision regarding employment of legal counsel.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

The Environmental & Strategic Initiatives Interim Department Director is in concurrence with this request.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

x Operating □Revenue □Capital □Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2014- 2015	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$220,000		\$220,000
Encumbered				
Expended Amount				
This item		\$84,000		\$84,000
BALANCE		\$136,000		\$136,000

Fund(s): Water

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the legal services contract.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Letter agreement attached.

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