



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of August 28, 2012
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of September 11, 2012

DATE: August 7, 2012
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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 not to exceed \$7,000 plus expenses and authorize \$50,000 for consultant subcontracts needed to assist with resolution of water law issues.

PURPOSE:

To obtain legal services for general water law issues for FY 2012-2013.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

Hire attorney with water expertise as a permanent City employee.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Mr. Brown also 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 Water Department Director and Director of Intergovernmental Relations are in concurrence with this request.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2012-2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$659,000		\$659,000
Encumbered / Expended Amount		0		0
This item		\$135,000		\$135,000
BALANCE		\$524,000		\$524,000

Fund(s): Water

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the legal services contract.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Letter agreement attached.