

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 11/21/05		Item Number: <u>A-2</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of an Extension to the Agreement with Richards, Watson & Gershon for Legal Services Related to Cable Television Franchise Issues for the Period of July 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$28,353.00.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Shelly W. Chagnon		Phone Number: (310) 253-6008	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master Notification List (11/16/05); Richards, Watson & Gershon (11/15/05)			
Department Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood 11/16/05		CAO Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood 11/16/05	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang 11/16/05			

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve an extension of the Agreement with Richards, Watson & Gershon (RWG) for legal services related to cable television franchise issues for the period of July 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$28,353.00.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On August 23, 2004, the City Council authorized an Agreement (Attachment 1) in the Amount of \$18,000 to contract with RWG. Administration staff has worked with Mr. Bill Rudell of RWG on the cable franchise negotiations during last fiscal year and during recent months. At this time, staff recommends amending RWG's contract to include services performed beyond the existing agreement. These services are outlined below:

- Additional meetings at City Hall with staff, Comcast representatives, the City Council Cable Subcommittee, and at City Council meetings.
- Protracted negotiations with Comcast concerning the provisions of a new regulatory ordinance.
- Terms and conditions of a franchise renewal agreement.
- "Corrective action plan", whereby electrical code violations will be addressed by Comcast in a timely manner.

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- System Transfer

The City has paid \$18,000.00 and has been billed \$12,352.40 for July through September 2005. RWG anticipates that future fees through March 31, 2006 will not exceed \$16,000.00 including disbursements. Therefore, staff recommends a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$28,353.00.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Staff proposes the following funding for the Amended Agreement:

Chief Administrative Officer's Other Contractual Services Budget (10110100.619800):	\$7,200.00
Appropriated Reserves:	\$21,153.00
Total Budgeted Amount	\$28,353.00

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Contract No. 2004-181 - Standard Form Contract with Richards, Watson & Gershon for Legal Services Related to Cable Television Franchise Issues.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the use of \$21,153.00 in Appropriated Reserves for the Agreement with Richards, Watson & Gershon; and
2. Approve an extension to the Agreement with Richards, Watson & Gershon for Legal Services Related to Cable Television Franchise Issues in an amount not to exceed \$28,353, and
3. Direct the City Attorney to prepare the proper documents and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.