

April 3, 2017

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution authorizing execution of Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Professional Services with K&L Gates to increase the total contract amount from \$150,000 to \$300,000 to provide on-call utility regulatory legal advice.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action obligates the City to increase the total contract amount for legal services provided by K&L Gates by \$150,000.

Original Contract	\$50,000
Amendment #1	\$40,000
Amendment #2	\$60,000
Amendment #3	\$150,000
New Contract Total Amount	\$300,000

Sufficient funds exist within the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget for this contract increase.

STAFF CONTACT

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City Attorney's Office

POLICY CONSIDERATION

Whether to continue to utilize the services of the K&L Gates attorneys with expertise in utility regulatory law or to seek some other option for ensuring this ongoing need is met.

BACKGROUND

Beginning in late 2014 the City retained the services of the K&L Gates law firm to provide legal advice regarding utility regulatory issues. As the City addresses ongoing growth in population and business expansion it also faces growing needs for utility infrastructure support and expansion. In addition, Bellevue currently serves as lead agency for the Energize Eastside project, a Puget Sound Energy permit proposal for a transmission line spanning a five city area. Having legal expertise available on call for the complex arena of public and private utility regulation aids the City's ability to be responsive to addressing the needs of its citizens and businesses.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Professional Services with K&L Gates to increase the total contract amount from \$150,000 to \$300,000 to provide on-call utility regulatory legal advice.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution, do not authorize the payment for these additional legal services and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9257 authorizing execution of Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Professional Services with K&L Gates to increase the total contract amount from \$150,000 to \$300,000 to provide on-call utility regulatory legal advice.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9257

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY

Amendment #3 to the Agreement for Services (Professional Services Contract).