



TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
FROM: Randall Lewis, Government Relations Officer, Government Relations
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution Authoring the Execution of a Contract with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs for Legislative Lobbying Services for 2017 and 2018 in the Amount of \$173,138 - December 13, 2016
DATE: November 23, 2016

SUMMARY:

Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs to provide legislative lobbying services to the City in 2017 and 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$173,138.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

N/A

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

The agreement for legislative lobbying services during the next biennium would best align with the following City Council Strategic Policy Priority:

- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

The City Council annually identifies certain issues that it considers to be priorities for the upcoming sessions of the Washington Legislature. The City also routinely interacts with State agencies and the Executive Branch. Services outlined in the proposed agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs would communicate to legislators and the administration which issues are considered most significant to the City.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council will have a State Legislative Agenda for their consideration on the December 13, 2016 City Council agenda. In order to best achieve these priorities, it is necessary to retain the services of Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs to represent the City's interests before the Legislature, the Administration, and State regulatory agencies and to assist members of the City Council and City staff when they travel to Olympia on City business.

ISSUE:

The City Council has determined that because of the extent of legislation considered by the Washington Legislature with potential impact on the City and the fact that the development of legislation is a year-round process, and that the City has significant ongoing interaction with State agencies and the Executive Branch, the City requires additional resources and expertise beyond what is available from City staff.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could choose to not authorize the agreement or funding for these additional lobbying resources.



RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends that in order to best achieve the legislative priorities of the City, it is necessary to retain the services of Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs to represent the City's interests before the Washington Legislature, the Executive Branch, and State agencies and to assist members of the City Council and City staff when they are traveling to Olympia on City business.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Government Relations	598203	5310100	\$173,138
TOTAL			

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
TOTAL			

POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
TOTAL			

This section should only be completed if a subsequent request will be made to increase or decrease the current position count.

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: N/A (expenses included in the adopted 2017-2018 Biennial Budget)

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.

N/A