



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute a Fourth Amendment to Agreement No. 31680 with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP for legal services during the period of February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018, up to a maximum amount of \$200,000 per year, subject to appropriation of funds in future years.

On March 2, 2010, the City Council authorized the execution of a contract with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP (Davis Wright) for the provision of specialized legal services to the Long Beach Gas & Oil Department (LBGO). On January 10, 2012 the City Council authorized the extension of the Davis Wright contract, extending the term to January 31, 2014. On January 21, 2014, the City Council authorized the extension of the Davis Wright contract, extending the term to January 31, 2016. Davis Wright successfully represented the City in proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) brought by the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) which were of vital interest to the City in that they affected the manner in which gas and electricity are purchased and transported by large end-users such as the City (and its customers). Davis Wright will continue to represent the City in connection with CPUC triennial cost allocation proceedings, pipeline lease agreements, and negotiation of a gas pipeline franchise agreement with SoCalGas, among other things. It is important that the interests of the City and its customers are continued to be represented and protected before the CPUC in connection with these ongoing proceedings.

Both the City Attorney's Office and LBGO have been pleased with Davis Wright's work product to date and believe that the firm's energy regulatory group will continue to provide top-quality advice and representation on behalf of the City.

Payment for these services has been budgeted by the LBGO in the Gas Revenue fund and will result in no cost to the General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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