



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Approval of a Second Amendment to Agreement for Legal Services with Lozano Smith, LLP, in an Amount not to Exceed \$300,000

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a second amendment to agreement for legal services with Lozano Smith, LLP, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving a second amendment to agreement for legal services with Lozano Smith, LLP in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 and,
- B. Authorizing the City Manager or the Deputy City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to conditions other than as recommended by staff; or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Continue to a future meeting.

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2022-23 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

In April 2021, the City entered into an agreement for Legal Services with the Law Firm of Lozano Smith, LLP for specialized work on employer-employee relations matters, including labor negotiations with all five employee bargaining units. The initial budget allocation was \$100,000 in FY 20-21.

On November 1, 2021, Council approved the first amendment to the agreement for additional funding in the amount of \$100,000 for added legal work on personnel related matters in FY 21-22.

These allocations have been sufficient to cover legal services thus far. However, additional funding in

the amount of \$100,000 is necessary for continuing legal work on labor related matters though FY 22-23. This amendment will increase the not-to-exceed contracted amount from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

Funding is available within the City Attorney's current FY 22-23 operating budget.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Second Amendment for Legal Services
2. First Amendment for Legal Services
3. Agreement for Legal Services