



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Approval of a First Amendment to an Agreement for Legal Services with Lozano Smith, LLP, in an Amount not to Exceed \$90,000

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a first amendment to an agreement for legal services with Lozano Smith, LLP, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving a First Amendment to an agreement for legal services with Lozano Smith, LLP in an amount not to exceed \$90,000; and,
- B. Approving a supplemental appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered General Fund balance in the amount of \$30,000; and,
- C. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustment and City Manager or the Assistant 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

N/A.

DISCUSSION

In December 2018, the City entered into an Agreement for Legal Services with the Law Firm of Lozano Smith, LLP for specialized work on personnel related matters pursuant to the City Manager's contract authority. Additional funding in the amount of \$60,000 is necessary for additional legal work on personnel related matters. This amendment will increase the not-to-exceed contracted amount

from \$30,000 to \$90,000.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

A supplemental appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered General Fund balance for \$30,000 is required. The other \$30,000 is available within City Attorney's current operating budget.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Agreement for Legal Services - original
2. First Amendment