

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	21294	Agenda Number	25.
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Meeting Date:	1/17/2013	Department:	Legal
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**Subject**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to a legal services contract with Reeves & Brightwell LLP for legal services related to Aigner v. City of Austin, Cause No. GN-12-003451 in the 53rd District Court of Travis County, to increase the contract amount by \$875,000, for a revised total amount not to exceed \$ 931,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Contact Andy Perry at 512-322-6277
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

**Additional Backup Information**

This contract is for legal services related to the Aigner lawsuit, which was originally filed as a wrongful death case involving the death of a sheriff's deputy responding to the Steiner Ranch fires. The original legal services contract was limited to defense of the wrongful death case. Recently, Twenty (20) subrogating insurance carriers intervened in the Aigner litigation contending they paid over 500 claims from homeowners sustaining property damages that resulted from the fire, with claims totalling over \$13 million. The increase reflects the added cost of defending against such claims as part of the wrongful death lawsuit.