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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 38758 | Agenda Number | 36. |
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| Meeting Date: | 12/11/2014 | Department: | Government Relations |
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Subject

Approve the negotiation and execution of a contract with Brian G. Yarbrough for state agency and legislative representation services for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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| Purchasing Language: | |
| Prior Council Action: | |
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| Boards and Commission Action: | |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

On November 20, 2014, the City Council approved negotiation and execution of contracts for state agency and legislative representation services, which included a consultant contract with Randy Erben, attorney with Erben & Yarbrough in the amount of \$90,000. Since that meeting, Mr. Erben notified Government Relations, that he is leaving the firm. Staff recommends continuing the relationship with Erben & Yarbrough, via a consultant contract with firm partner, Brian Yarbrough.

The purpose of this contract is to provide consulting and other professional services in the City's interests during the 84th Legislative Session and any special called sessions. The contractor will provide advice to the City and will be responsible for assisting the City's efforts before the legislature and for selected related activities requiring additional action such as communicating with state agencies. The consultant will be in a position to advance the interests of the City in legislation and to influence the legislative process.