

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: November 29, 2018

Item Number: **008**

Law

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to a contract with Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C. for legal services regarding 2018 labor contract negotiations with the Austin Police Association in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$90,000.

Lead Department	Law Department.
Fiscal Note	There is no fiscal impact. Funding is available in the fiscal year 2018-2019 Labor Relations Office’s Operating Budget.
For More Information	Lee Crawford, Assistant City Attorney (512) 974-2268.

Additional Backup Information:

The City retained the law firm of Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech in 2018 to provide legal services related to labor contract negotiations with the Austin Police Association (APA). These negotiations resulted in a tentative labor agreement between the City and the APA, which has been approved and ratified by both the APA and the Council.

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech has provided legal representation to the City on labor contract matters in the past. The firm handles such matters on behalf of local governments throughout Texas and is highly knowledgeable and experienced in these matters. The proposed amendment increases the cost of the City’s contract with Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech by an amount not to exceed \$40,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$90,000. This increase is necessary to cover the additional costs of outside counsel review and advice regarding provisions of the labor agreement with APA, and

for providing additional contract drafting and negotiation services.