



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 24-3869, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize an increase to a professional services agreement for legal services with Dykema Gossett PLLC related to the 2023 binding interest arbitration proceeding between the City and the Austin Firefighters Association in the amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,025,000.00.

### **Lead Department**

Law Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$350,000.00 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of the Support Services Fund.

### **Prior Council Action:**

July 28, 2022 - Council approved the initial agreement with this firm in the amount of \$375,000 (Item #186)

March 23, 2023 - Council approved an amendment to the initial agreement increasing the authorized cost to an amount not to exceed \$675,000 (Item #39).

### **For More Information:**

Lee Crawford, (512) 974-2421.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This contract provides legal representation services for the binding interest arbitration proceeding initiated in 2022 by the Austin Firefighters Association. Original approval for this contract on July 28, 2022, was bundled with three other agreements for professional consulting services in connection with that arbitration proceeding in an original aggregate amount not to exceed \$625,000.00 for all four contracts. Council approved an increase to the total authorization for these four contracts in July 2023 to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,015,000.00. This increase will bring the aggregate authorization for these four professional services contracts to an amount not to exceed \$1,365,000.00.