January 27, 2020

The Honorable City Council
Palo Alto, California

Authorization to Increase the Existing Legal Services Agreement (Contract S18170470) With Meyers Nave, a Professional Law Corporation (Meyers Nave), by an Additional $15,000 for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of $205,000 and to Extend the Term to March 30, 2020

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize an increase to the legal services agreement (Contract S18170470) with the law firm of Meyers Nave, a Professional Law Corporation, by an additional $15,000 for a total not to exceed amount of $205,000, and to extend the term to March 30, 2020.

Discussion

In October 2017, the City retained Meyers Nave (Contract S18170470) to provide legal services on an as-needed basis with respect to complex matters requiring expertise in labor grievances and arbitrations, and general employment law. An additional $15,000 is needed to continue to fund the City’s contract for legal services.

Resource Impact

Funding for the recommended amendment does not require additional budgetary authority as it can be accommodated within the Office of the City Attorney’s FY2020 budget.

Environmental Review

Amendment of legal services contracts is not a project requiring environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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