



# Agenda Report

DATE: June 21, 1999

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** BILL BOGAARD, MAYOR

**SUBJECT:** AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO.16,354 WITH RICHARDS, WATSON & GERSHON FOR CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize an amendment to contract No. 16,354 with Richards, Watson & Gershon and Michele Beal Bagneris extending the terms of the contract for a six-month period until December 31, 1999 at the same terms and conditions.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 12, 1997 the City entered into an agreement with Richards, Watson & Gershon, a professional corporation, and Michele Beal Bagneris, an individual, to provide City Attorney services under contract for a period of six months (contract No. 16,354567). Since that date there have been two amendments to extend the time period for the contract. The last contract amendment will expire on June 30, 1999.

During this time, the City Council has discussed various options for how to best provide attorney services for the City. These options have included continued contractual arrangements or hiring an attorney on staff. The Council decided that providing attorney service for the City through a City Attorney employed by the City would be more efficient and less costly. However, a schedule and plan for when and how the Council would proceed has not yet been developed.

With the expiration of the current contract, it is important that at a minimum the Council take steps to assure that there be no interruption in attorney services. Approval of the recommended six month extension would allow the Council the time needed to decide how and when to proceed with hiring of an attorney as a city employee. The extension is subject to termination at such time as the hiring might occur.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City Manager's recommended FY2000 budget includes funds for extension of contract no. 16,354 for a six-month period.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Bogaard" with a small flourish at the end.

BILL BOGAARD  
Mayor