

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** JUNE 12, 2006

THROUGH: LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE (June 7, 2006)

FROM: MAYOR

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH CAROLYN C. CHANEY & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR LEGISLATIVE LIAISON SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve a two-year contract renewal with Carolyn C. Chaney & Associates, Inc. for federal legislative liaison services effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(f) (Professional Series) and automatically exempt from competitive selection pursuant to PMC Section 4.09.060 (B) (4) (Lobbying Services).

BACKGROUND

The firm of Chaney & Associates has been the City's liaison with the federal government since 1981. Among the services provided are research on relevant federal issues and grant programs, assistance in lobbying Congress and the Executive Branch, and timely information on federal policies and programs.

In the past two years, Chaney & Associates has assisted in securing \$2.836 million in Department of Transportation funds for intelligent transportation improvements; \$1.44 million in Department of Transportation funds for soundwall construction on Rt. 210; \$1 million in Department of Transportation funds for the pedestrian bridge at the Sierra Madre Villa Gold Line Station; \$875,000 in Environmental Protection Agency funds for the City's perchlorate remediation program, and \$127,000 in Bureau of Reclamation funds for the City's reclaimed water project.

In addition, Chaney & Associates has been actively involved in the congressional debate to rewrite federal telecommunications laws. At stake is over \$11 million in revenues that the City collects from telecommunications companies in franchise fees and Utility User Taxes, as well as the City's control over access to public rights-of-way and its ability to respond to consumer service complaints. They also keep Congress apprised of local success stories in efforts to preserve funding for federal programs in areas such as community and economic development, public safety, homeland security, job training, homeless assistance, and human services.

Chaney & Associates also alert the City to a variety of competitive grant opportunities as well as promoting Pasadena applications, such as the City's \$3 million award for seismic improvements to Pasadena City Hall from the FY 2005 FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program. They also recently assisted in the successful negotiations with the White House, Federal Aviation Administration, and congressional delegation that overturned a last-minute FAA ruling regarding temporary flight restrictions over the Rose Parade.

The City's contract with Chaney & Associates was last renewed for two years in June 2004 and included annual increases that aligned with those that were approved for management-level city employees, which was three percent in FY 2006. The proposed contract for FY 2007 and FY 2008 would continue that arrangement.

FISCAL IMPACT

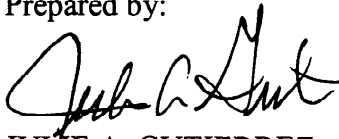
Total cost of the contract will be \$106,050 plus \$5,000 expenses for fiscal year 2007 and \$109,230 plus \$5,000 expenses for fiscal year 2008. Funding for this contract is included in the City Council Operating Budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mayor

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