
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Legal Department
FROM: Matt Ribitzki, Senior Deputy City Attorney
MEETING: February 5, 2024

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion regarding the city's contract with Focused Advocacy (*Staff Presenter: Matt Ribitzki, Senior Deputy City Attorney*)

SUMMARY:

City Council approved an agreement with Focused Advocacy for legislative consulting services on December 14, 2020. The contract contains renewal options that enable the City to extend services in one-year increments based on council approval. The city council has opted to renew this agreement annually since the inception.

Per the terms of the agreement, Focused Advocacy will assist the City in representing the City's interests before the Texas Legislature, provide general guidance regarding the City's legislative program, work to defeat legislation detrimental to the City, and monitor legislation on the City's behalf, among other legislative consulting activities.

Since December 14, 2020, the City has spent \$107,000.00 with Focused Advocacy.

Tonight, staff is asking for direction from council on if there is a desire to put a new contract in place, and if so, what level of service and associated cost.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

December 12, 2022 City Council opted to renew the contract. The term of the agreement expired in December 2023.

REFERENCE:

CSO #1615-12-2020

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

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