



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT
MEETING DATE	MONTH DAY, 2026

ITEM:	Renew Legislative Service Agreement with Lockridge, Grindal and Nauen P.L.L.P		
Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager			
DEPARTMENT: Administration		BY/DATE: Aaron Chirpich/ October 22, 2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
☐ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		☒ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
☒ High-Quality Public Spaces		☐ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
☐ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		☐ Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

The City has contracted with the law firm Lockridge, Grindal and Nauen P.L.L.P (LGN) for professional lobbyist representation since November of 2023. Since that time, LGN has represented the City in the following primary initiatives:

- Pursuit of State bond (grant) funding to support the development of a new Public Works campus.
- Sales tax exemption and reimbursement for taxes spent on the construction materials for the new City Hall.
- Special legislation to amend the timeline for eligible expenditures related to the Alatus Tax Increment Financing District that covers the 4300 Central Avenue redevelopment site.

With representation by LGN the City has secured the following benchmarks with the State legislature:

- Spots on bonding tours for both the House of Representatives and Senate, three total.
- \$2.48M of GO Bond (grant) funding in the 2026 session to support pre-development work related to redevelopment of the Public Works campus.
- Approval of special legislation to amend the Alatus TIF district to allow the City and developer more time to complete the project.

Priorities for the 2027 session currently include the following:

- Construction funding for the Public Works campus redevelopment (\$5.5M request).
- Construction funding for sanitary sewer and storm sewer improvements at the 4300 Central Avenue redevelopment site (estimated \$2.5M request).
- Sales tax exemption.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

The current contract with LGN is set to expire at the end of October 2026. LGN has full knowledge of the Public Works campus project and other City priorities and is prepared to carry the City's current momentum into the 2027 session. Within the current contract, there is a provision to renew services under the same general terms for two successive years with no cost increase. The annual fee for service is \$40,000, or \$3,333/month.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommend exercising the renewal option within the existing contract with LGN, thereby securing their legislative services during the upcoming 2027 legislative cycle. The renewal term would be 12-months, November 1, 2026 through October 31, 2027.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):

MOTION: Motion to renew the legislative service agreement with Lockridge, Grindal and Nauen P.L.L.P for the term November 1, 2026, through October 31, 2027.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- LGN Contract