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FORESTPARK

City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Council Discussion of a CCE Contract Lobbying Services – Chief Executive Offices

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Council Meeting Date: February 06, 2023

Background/History:

The Clayton County cities, Clayton County and Clayton County School District (CCPS) have been engaged in opposing the loss of general sales taxes on aviation fuels since 2016. We have been working since 2016 to try to reverse the FAA’s policy. We have had multiple bills and amendments filed in Congress by our delegation. This past Congress, we were finally successful in getting bills introduced in both the House and Senate. The House bill (H.R. 3618) was sponsored by Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-California) and was co-sponsored by our entire House delegation, Reps. David Scott, and Nikema Williams. The Senate companion bill (S. 2859) was sponsored by Senators Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff.

The Clayton County Entities lobby scope was and is to advocate for legislation to restore the local general sales tax on aviation. The Hartwell 2019 contract was for \$2,800 per month and was split based on LOST tax distribution; the Clay 2020-21 contract was for \$3,000 per month and the 2022 contract was for \$3,500 and is split based on LOST distribution. The 2023 contract is proposed to remain at the \$3,500 amount and the allocation of the lobby fee would be split. The City of Forest Park would be responsible for 5.86% or \$205.10 monthly, of the contract based on the LOST distribution.

All Clayton County cities, CCPS and Clayton County participated in the 2019 contract except College Park and Forest Park; all cities, CCPS and Clayton County participated in the 2020-2022 contract except the City of Morrow.

The city manager is seeking direction of the governing body on how we would like to proceed in this matter.

Cost: \$ 3,000

Budgeted for: Yes No

Financial Impact: The city currently participates in the lobbying contract.

Action Requested from Council:

Approval of continuing our portion of the joint lobbying contract is recommended.