CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	Noavember 12, 2026
Originating Department	Executive
Contact Person	Phillip Hill, City Administrator
Title	Resolution 26-2114/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Professional Services Agreement for 2027-2028 State Legislative Advocacy Services with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations

Legislative History

- First Presentation – November 12, 2026

Attachments:

1. Resolution 26-2114/Authorizing Mayor to Sign the Agreement for 2027-2028 State Legislative Advocacy Services with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations
2. Consultant Contract (Exhibit A to Resolution)

Executive Summary

The City needs the support of the state as a funding partner for its future transportation and infrastructure projects. A state government affairs advocate provides the City a better opportunity to receive state support for projects that will benefit Lake Forest Park. The City has worked with a state government relations advocate for several years and has been successful in obtaining funding for a variety of projects. The Administration has negotiated a contract with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations (GTH) for state advocacy services in 2027 and 2028. Shelly Helder with GTH will serve as the consultant. This City has worked with GTH for more than 10-years. The proposed contract annual fee for each year is $40,104 which reflects a 3% inflation adjustment over the 2025 – 2026 contract.

Background

GTH has been instrumental in the City receiving funding for fish culverts on Lyon Creek, Five Acre Woods acquisition, construction funding for the SR 104 & 40th Place NE roundabout, Lakefront Property acquisition, and has been instrumental in messaging the city's position and effectuating change in traffic camera legislation and legislation related to one size fits all middle housing legislation.

Since the City began contracting with GTH, it has received over $5 million in direct appropriations from the state. The positive relationships and the momentum created by GTH effort positions City for a successful 2027 and 2028 session.

The full scope of work is included as Exhibit A of the proposed agreement.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

The proposed 2027-2028 contract includes a 3% annual fee increase compared to the 2025-2026 contract. The proposed 2027-2028 budget provides funding for this contract in the Surface Water Utility and Transportation Capital Fund. If the City does not wish to continue the contract it may terminate the contract with 30 days' notice.

Staff Recommendation

Ask questions of the administration and request any additional information.