



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	October 27, 2022
Originating Department	Executive
Contact Person	Phillip Hill
Title	Resolution 1861/Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs for 2023-2024 State Legislative Advocacy Services

Legislative History

- First Presentation 10/27/2022 Regular Meeting
 - Action 10/27/2022 Regular Meeting
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 1861/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Agreement for 2023-2024 State Legislative Advocacy Services with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs
 2. Consultant Contract (Exhibit A to Resolution)
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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 with a better opportunity to receive state support for projects that will benefit Lake Forest Park. The City has worked with a state government affairs 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 Affairs (GTHGA) for state advocacy services in 2023 and 2024. Briahna Murray and Shelly Helder with GTGHA will serve as the consultants. This will be the ninth and tenth year that the City has worked with GTGHA. The proposed contract annual fee for each year is \$37,800, which is a 5% increase over the 2021 – 2022 contract.

Background

The City has contracted with GTHGA for the previous eight years. GTHGA has been instrumental in the City’s significant dollars in state capital/transportation funds. The positive relationships and the momentum created by GTHGA’s effort position the City for a successful 2023 and 2024 session.

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

- Lobby to advance items on the city’s 2023-24 legislative agenda, with emphasis on securing funding for the replacement of culverts in Lake Forest Park, securing funding for improvements to State Route 104, and securing funding for a regional crisis response center.
- Monitor state legislation that impacts cities and provides comprehensive bill tracking.
- Organize meetings in Olympia and locally with the City’s legislative delegation.
- Provide weekly/bi-weekly updates on our priorities.
- In the interim months, assist the city in amending its 2023-24 legislative agenda to reflect changes from the 2023 Session, and prepare for the 2024 session and funding cycle.
- Present an end-of-session report that recaps the legislative session in full.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

The proposed 2023-2024 contract includes a 5% fee increase compared to the 2021-22 contract. The proposed 2023-24 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.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
• Authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement	The City will continue to work with GTHGA in the 2023-24 biennium.
• Do not authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement	The City will not work with GTGHA in the 2023-24 biennium.

Staff Recommendation

Move to approve Resolution 1861, authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement for 2023 and 2024 state legislative advocacy services with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs.