



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 23-R-50 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Extend the Engagement of Services with Grote & Associates, Inc. for Government Relations Services.

Submitted By: David Cameron, City Administrator

Date: August 22, 2023

Issue Statement

To renew an engagement letter with Grote & Associates, Inc. for continued advocacy for wastewater funding.

Discussion and/or Analysis

In April 2022, the city engaged Grote & Associates, Inc. to provide consulting services for the advocacy of funding from the State Legislature. Grote & Associates helped identify the needs of the City, assisted in preparing information to provide to key government officials, and worked with both political parties and City officials to help the City secure needed funding for the project. Grote & Associates assisted the city in obtaining a \$55 million allocation from the State of Missouri in 2022 and 2023.

With the continued need for funding of the Wastewater Treatment Plant's expansion to meet the requirements of Missouri Department of Natural Resources, staff is requesting to renew this engagement of services for another year to obtain assistance in securing funding toward the \$40 million in unfunded improvements for the expansion.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.