



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

Date: March 22 , 2006
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: Master Legal Services Agreement with Jardine, Logan & O'Brien, LLC

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Attorney to amend the "Master Agreement" for the period of March 23, 2004 through March 23, 2007 with the Jardine, Logan & O'Brien LLC law firm so that the cost of such agreement not exceed \$600,000 for that period.

Previous Directives:

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Approved by: _____
Jay M. Heffern
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Jay M. Heffern, City Attorney

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information

In March of 2004, the City Council approved the retention of the Jardine, Logan and O'Brien law firm for purposes of providing defense of Officer Charles Storlie in the matter of Duy Ngo v. Charles Storlie, et. al. That agreement provided, in part, that the total amount payable to the firm under the Master Agreement shall not exceed \$300,000 for the three year term of the Master Agreement, including compensation and reimbursement for all expenses. Because of the significant expense involved in this complex litigation, compensation and reimbursable expenses will exceed the \$300,000 limit in place under the current Master Agreement. In order to successfully proceed with the defense of this lawsuit, this Office recommends that it be permitted to amend the Master Agreement so that the total compensation and reimbursable expenses may be increased by an additional \$300,000 for the three year period.