

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JULY 26, 2005

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

BY: MIKE KAMINO, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DAPEER, ROSENBLIT & LITVAK, LLP, FOR CITY PROSECUTING SERVICES

The purpose of this item is to seek City Council approval for the City to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak, LLP, for City prosecuting services.

The firm of Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak, LLP, has acted as the City's Prosecuting Attorney for code enforcement cases since April of 1992. The City's contract with the firm expired on June 30, 2005 and staff is requesting that the contract be renewed for the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year. Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak, LLP, is proposing to retain the same rate as last year's contract which was \$140.00 per hour, as well as a one-time administrative fee of \$25.00 that would be charged for each matter that is referred to the City Prosecutor. The City Council approved a budget of \$50,000 for this Fiscal Year for City Prosecutor services. This represents an increase of \$20,000 from the previous year, which is reflective of the City Council's direction for increased code enforcement activity.

Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak has provided the City with a high quality level of service over the last thirteen years and has increased Code compliance significantly throughout the City. This firm has also assisted staff in training and providing advice in code enforcement and staff supports renewal of the contract for the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year.

The proposed agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council approve the attached Professional Services Agreement with Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak, LLP, in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Attachments: Agreement
Proposal from Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak, LLP