

ADDITIONS

TO THE AGENDA OF
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON
March 5, 2007

4.3 ROUTINE ITEMS:

Add

- (e) Retention of Harrang, Long, Gary & Rudnick to assist in Prevailing Wage Lobbying Efforts

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that City Council: (1) Retain Harrang, Long, Gary & Rudnick to assist the City in its prevailing wage lobbying efforts, under a contract with a "not-to-exceed" amount of \$8,000; and (2) Approve Resolution No. 2007-17 to transfer funds from General Fund, Non-Departmental contingencies to General Fund, Legal Department materials and services for lobbying services.

For Council Meeting of: March 5, 2007 —

Agenda Item No.: _____
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TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: ROBERT G. WELLS, CITY MANAGER

FROM: C. RANDALL TOSH, CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: Retention of Harrang, Long, Gary & Rudnick to Assist in Prevailing Wage Lobbying Efforts

Issue: Should the City of Salem retain the law firm of Harrang, Long, Gary & Rudnick to assist the City in its prevailing wage lobbying efforts and approve transfer Resolution No. 2007-17 to fund those efforts?

Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council: (1) Retain Harrang, Long, Gary & Rudnick to assist the City in its prevailing wage lobbying efforts, under a contract with a "not-to-exceed" amount of \$8,000; and (2) Approve Resolution No. 2007-17 to transfer funds from General Fund, Non-Departmental contingencies to General Fund, Legal Department materials and services for lobbying services.

Background: The Oregon Legislature is considering several bills that would change Oregon's prevailing wage laws. HB 2557 is the most critical to the City, as it has the potential of radically expanding the scope of the types of projects and funding agreements that would be subject to prevailing wage. HB 2557 is currently before the House Business and Labor Committee. The bill raises a number of significant policy issues and has a number of technical problems which have been noted by the City of Salem and other local government representatives. The Committee has so far turned a deaf ear to local government concerns. Notwithstanding this fact, it is important that the City of Salem continue its lobbying effort on HB 2557.

Facts and Findings: Harrang, Long, Gary & Rudnick has extensive experience in providing lobbying efforts on behalf of local governments, and also has extensive experience with Oregon's prevailing wage laws. The Legal Department recommends that the City do what it can to positively impact HB 2557, and Harrang, Long's experience and background provide an excellent basis to assist the City in its ongoing lobbying regarding prevailing wage, and enter into a contract for lobbying services with a "not-to-exceed" amount of \$8,000.

Funding for these lobbying efforts will require a fund transfer from General Fund contingencies into the Legal Department budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETAINING THE LAW FIRM OF HARRANG, LONG, GARY & RUDNICK TO ASSIST THE CITY IN ITS PREVAILING WAGE LOBBYING EFFORTS

Whereas, ORS 294.450 allows the Council to authorize transfers of appropriations within a given fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SALEM RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:


Section 1. A transfer of appropriation in the amount of \$8,000 from General Fund, Non-Departmental contingencies, 101-60961000-61110, to General Fund, Legal Department materials and services, 101-19200000-52670, to be expended for the purpose of retaining the law firm of Harrang, Long, Gary & Rudnick to assist the City in its prevailing wage lobbying efforts is hereby authorized.

Section 2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Council this _____ day of _____, 2007.

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: _____ 

Checked by: D. Neville

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City of Salem, Oregon
 Status of General Fund Contingencies and Qwest Undesignated
 For Fiscal Year 2006-07

	Qwest Undesignated	Unrestricted	Total Appropriated
<u>Adopted Budget</u>	\$ 530,360	\$ 2,070,210	\$ 2,600,570
<u>Adjustments to 2006-07 Adopted Budget Qwest Reserve Amount</u>			
1. Additional 2005-06 revenue	189,760	_____	189,760
Total Qwest reserves	\$ 720,120		\$ 2,790,330
<u>Transfers Recommended Today:</u>			
1. Retain law firm - lobby for prevailing wage	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
<u>Transfers Previously Approved</u>			
1. Purchase airport rescue and recovery fire apparatus /1	\$ 170,000		\$ 170,000
2. Purchase replacement Police Department vehicle		42,000	42,000
3. Airport design and terminal modifications	96,000		96,000
4. Urban Renewal feasibility/change comp plan & zoning	185,000		185,000
5. Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex operation/maintenance		253,950	253,950
6. Airport modification design completion	48,000		48,000
7. Loan to Mill Creek Industrial Park Urban Renewal Area Parking Manager position in Administrative Services Department and rent/moving costs for code enforcement activities in		11,300	11,300
8. Community Development Department		97,080	97,080
9. Police Department (SPEU) salary adjustments		80,815	80,815
10. Airport terminal improvements - Phase 2 /2	494,500		494,500
Subtotal	\$ 993,500	\$ 485,145	\$ 1,478,645
<u>Remaining Appropriated Contingencies/Reserves</u>	\$ (273,380)	\$ 1,577,065	\$ 1,303,685
<u>Unspent Qwest reserves allocated in FY 06-07 adopted budget</u>			
1. Plan and feasibility study for police precincts	\$ 600,000		
<u>Balance of Qwest reserves allocated to police precincts</u>	\$ 326,620		

Notes for Qwest Reserve Expenditures:

- ^{/1} Total equipment cost of \$220,000. Offset with \$50,000 transfer from Airport Fund. Net impact on Qwest reserve = \$170,000.
- ^{/2} Transfer for Phase 2 airport improvements - \$221,120 from unallocated Qwest reserves, \$273,380 from Qwest reserves allocated in FY 06-07 adopted budget for police precinct study and plan.

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