



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



January 6, 2026

ITEM TITLE

Amendment: Approve Second Amendment to Legal Services Agreement with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, LLP

Report Number: 26-0028

Location: No specific geographic location

Department: City Attorney

G.C. § 84308 Regulations Apply: Yes

Environmental Notice: The activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

Recommended Action

Adopt a resolution approving an amendment to Legal Services Agreement between (“LSA”) with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, LLP to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$40,000 to \$140,000 and to extend the LSA to February 23, 2027.

SUMMARY

The City Attorney’s Office provides legal review, advice, consultation, and representation on a wide variety of legal issues and litigation related to City operations and staff. The amendment to this agreement will allow the City to continue to use the law firm of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, LLP for legal services regarding the development of certain real property located at 707 F Street, Chula Vista, California.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with CEQA and has determined that the activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

The City Attorney's Office provides a wide variety of legal services to the City, including legal review, advice, consultation, and representation on diverse matters impacting the City, including its officials, management, and departments.

The City Attorney's Office utilizes private law firms to assist in managing the City's legal needs. Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, LLP has provided legal services related to advising the City regarding the potential development of certain real property located at 707 F Street, Chula Vista, California pursuant to a Legal Services Agreement effective February 23, 2023, as previously amended on February 23, 2024.

This proposed Second Amendment to the LSA with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, LLP will increase the not-to-exceed amount on the LSA from \$40,000 to \$140,000 and extend the LSA to February 23, 2027.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.). Staff is not independently aware and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There is no current-year fiscal impact as a result of this action. All costs associated with this contract are borne by the project developer.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact as a result of this action. All costs associated with this contract are borne by the project developer.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Second Amendment to LSA with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, LLP - 707 F Street

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