

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Chris Pike, Finance Director

Date: July 25, 2016

Subject: **Amendment to Clark Patterson Lee Municipal Service Contract**

ITEM DESCRIPTION

To amend the municipal service contract with Clark Patterson Lee.

BACKGROUND

In 2015, the City entered into new contracts that extend up through the year 2020. During the transition from the previous contract to the current contract, staff realized and experienced a situation where transition could be improved when a new service provider is selected. When issuing the RFP, the City gave careful attention ensure all parties had adequate time to adjust to a potentially new contract by conducting the selection over half a year before the new contract was to begin. In doing so, it was the City's goal to provide ample opportunity to address any potential turnover and transition planning. Should a new contractor be selected, the incumbent would have time to decide whether they would release or retain staff assigned to the City. Accordingly, the new contractor would have time to determine whether to assign (hire) staff currently assigned to the City or hire new personnel.

Despite our best efforts and intentions, a problem was identified after not one but two staff assigned to the City were told they would no longer be retained by the incumbent could be hired on by the new contractor. However, in the last few weeks before the contract ended, the service provider made the business decision to retain the staff who had already accepted employment offers from the new contractor. This left both the new contractor and the City in the predicament of searching, interviewing, selecting and training new staff during the difficult Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays. This hurdle was compounded by the natural business cycle of the department gearing up for the busier time of year for the annual audit process and the business license renewal process. Ideally, had the City known the staff would leave, we would have worked with the new service provider to select new personnel sooner so that proper training could be completed.

This experience demonstrated that providing as much time as the City provides for a smooth transition only works well for our continuity of operations when all parties use that time to ensure the effects of turnover (both contractor and staff) are minimized by smoothing out the changes. The experience led to additional concerns for continuity even beyond a situation where the service provider changes. The City worked closely with the five service providers to communicate the need. All agreed and cooperated with the City to

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help prevent this situation from happening in the future.

This amendment to the contracts aims to avoid a situation like the one noted above by requiring the service contractor to make a decision whether to retain or release staff early in the transition process to allow both parties time to ensure a smooth transition takes place as well as provide consequences should it not take place. In short, should the City notify the contractor they will no longer be providing for one or more positions, the contractor limited window to decide whether they retain that employee. If so, they must replace the employee assigned to the City with enough time to train a replacement. If they decide to not retain the employee, they agree not to hire/rehire the employee for a specified period of time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is respectfully requested Council approve an amendment to our municipal service provider contracts to address transitional periods and staff retention/turnover.

**1st AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT
SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT**

This 1st AMENDMENT to the Municipal Services Provider Agreement is made this 25th day of July, 2016 among City of Dunwoody (“City”), and Clark Patterson Lee (“Service Provider”).

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have entered into that certain Municipal Services Agreement for the provision of Community Development Services for the City on May 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amend said Municipal Services Agreement to stipulate concerning employee retainage, non-competition and liquidated damages related thereto; and

WHEREAS, the parties mean to give effect to this Agreement as of January 1, 2016 and be effective for so long as the Municipal Services Agreement is in force between the parties.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The following provisions are added as new Paragraph 16 to the Municipal Services Agreement to read as follows:

16. EMPLOYEE RETAINAGE AFTER PARTIAL OR TOTAL TERMINATION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

(a) If at any point during the Initial or any Renewal Term(s) of the Municipal Services Agreement, the City determines to terminate a contracted position and create the identical position as a City Employee, and the parties agree to revise the Municipal Services Agreement therefor, at least sixty (60) days prior of termination the Service Provider shall notify the City Manager in writing whether it wishes to retain the services of any of the staff assigned to City positions at that time following the date of termination of the contracted position. If the Service Provider chooses not to exercise that option for any particular staff member, the Service Provider shall not offer employment to said staff member, if the City and/or the new Service Provider choose to retain said Staff member following the termination date, for a period of six (6) months following the date of termination. If the Service Provider changes its mind and hires an employee covered within the sixty (60) day notice period, the Service Provider agrees to forfeit, as a penalty, four (4) weeks of the employee, who is affected, billing rate. The Service Provider is required to maintain full staffing until the end of the contract.

(b) If the City should notify Service Provider of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to its terms or notify the service Provider of a different Service Provider at the expiration of the Contract, the Service Provider at least sixty (60)

days prior to termination shall notify the City Manager in writing whether it wishes to retain the service of any of the staff assigned to the City positions at that time following the date of termination of the Agreement. If the Service Provider chooses not to exercise that option for any particular staff member, the Service Provider shall not offer employment to said staff member, if the City and/or the new Service Provider choose to retain said Staff member following the termination date, for a period six (6) months following the date of termination. If the Service Provider changes its mind and hires an employee covered within the sixty (60) day notice period, the Service Provider agrees to forfeit, as a penalty, four (4) weeks of the employee, who is affected, billing rate. The Service Provider is required to maintain full staffing until the end of the contract.

(c) If the Service Provider is terminated from the contract, it is incumbent upon the Service Provider to maintain full staffing throughout the contract. If employees are not maintained through the end of the contract the city will deduct from the invoice the dollar amount contributed to the time for that/those position(s) that are not filled based on the fully burdened billing rates shown on Appendix D – Cost Table of the Service Provider to the City.

(d) A new Service Provider may, at its expense, provide an employee(s) up to 30 days prior to starting the contract to train with the existing contractor. This transitional cost is a non-reimbursable expense for the New Service Provider.

2. Except as amended hereby, the Municipal Services Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this 1st Amendment to Municipal Services Agreement to be executed by their respective officers, thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

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Title: Kevin J. McOmber
Senior Vice President

ATTEST:

Richard B. Henry

Signature
Richard B. Henry
Print Name
Corporate Secretary
(Seal)



CITY OF DUNWOODY, GEORGIA

By: _____
_____, Mayor
City of Dunwoody, Georgia

ATTEST:

Signature

Print Name
City Clerk/ City of Dunwoody

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signature
City of Dunwoody Staff Attorney