



**PIERCE TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE
3701 96th ST SW, Lakewood, WA 98499
Alder Conference Room
August 25, 2016 – 3:00 PM
AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes

ACTION AGENDA:

1. FS 16-055, Authority to Ratify a Multi-Year Professional Services Contract with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs (GTHGA) and Authorization to Execute a One-Year Contract Extension; **Approve Contract**

Alex Fastle
Govt. and Community Relations Officer
2. FS 16-056, Authorization to Execute a Multi-Year Contract with Summit Law Group for Labor Negotiations & Labor/Contract Relations Services; **Approve Contract**

Vivienne Kamphaus
Executive Director of Administration

DISCUSSION/UPDATE

Update regarding Pierce County Sherriff's Department Contract

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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**PIERCE TRANSIT
EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
3701 96th STREET SW, LAKEWOOD, WA
GRAND CONFERENCE ROOM**

July 28, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Eidinger called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm (*Chair Talbert arrived at 3:09 pm*) and turned the meeting over to Chair Talbert at 3:09 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Executive Finance Committee Commissioners present:

Rick Talbert, Chair, Pierce County Councilmember
Daryl Eidinger, Vice Chair, City of Edgewood Mayor
Kent Keel, City of University Place Mayor Pro Tem
Don Anderson, City of Lakewood Mayor

Staff present:

Sue Dreier, Chief Executive Officer
Deanne Jacobson, Assistant to the CEO/Clerk of the Board
Kristol Bias, Records Coordinator/Deputy Clerk of the Board
Dana Henderson, General Counsel
Vivienne Kamphaus, Interim Chief Administration Officer
Rebecca Japhet, Communications Manager
Doug Middleton, Executive Director of Service Delivery & Support
Kevin Zinski, Fleet Manager
Janine Robinson, Senior Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners Anderson and Keel **moved** and seconded to approve the June 23, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion **carried**, 4-0.

ACTION AGENDA

1. FS 16-049, Authority to Enter Into and Execute a Contract with Gene's Towing, Inc., for Vehicle Towing and Recovery

Fleet Manager Kevin Zinski presented on the item. Mr. Zinski reported entering into a contract with Gene's Towing, Inc. will be for Pierce Transit's vehicle towing and recovery services throughout Pierce, King and Snohomish County.

Commissioners Anderson and Keel **moved** and seconded to authorize execution of a multi-year contract for Vehicle Towing and Recovery Service for Maintenance to Gene's Towing, Inc. for three (3) years with two (2) optional one-year extensions, with the total amount of the contract not to exceed \$237,706.22 over the term, including extensions.

Motion **carried**, 4-0.

2. FS 16-050, Authority to Negotiate a Purchase and Sale Agreement with DMG Group for the Property Located at 415 East 25th Street, Tacoma, WA

Senior Planner Janine Robinson presented on the item, recapping the history of the property, discussing DMG's past projects and detailing the next steps and timeline of executing a purchase and sale agreement.

Commissioners Anderson and Keel **moved** and seconded to authorize a "do pass" of FS 16-050 to the August 8, 2016 Regular Board Meeting for approval.

Motion **carried**, 4-0.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS ~ None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS ~ None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:25 pm, the meeting was recessed into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss and reviewed the performance of a public employee, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (g). It was announced that no action would occur in open session. At 3:41 pm, the Executive Session was extended 10 minutes. The extension was announced to attendees.

RECONVENE

At 4:01 pm, the regular meeting was convened.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Deanne Jacobson
Assistant to the CEO/ Clerk of the Board

Rick Talbert, Chair
Board Executive Finance Committee

- In 2012, when threatened by cuts, GTHGA fought to retain state funding for transit agencies at roughly \$9 million, \$700,000 of which was allocated to Pierce Transit.

Because of the Washington State Supreme Court's *McCleary* ruling, entities not affiliated with education will need to be especially diligent and strategic as they protect their stake and legislative priorities during the 2017 session. Among other priorities, Pierce Transit will be working to:

- Protect \$15 million allocated for SR 7 Bus Rapid Transit corridor
- Secure \$4 million for electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- Gain exemption status from Narrows Bridge tolling for Pierce Transit vehicles
- Seek shoulder driving as congestion relief along I-5 corridor

Government and Community Relations seeks the approval of the EFC because the one-year extension of the GTHGA contract will elevate the contract's total expenditures above \$200,000.00, exceeding the authorization authority of the CEO and triggering the EFC's review and approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Do not pursue the extension of Pierce Transit's contract with GTHGA and reopen the bidding process for alternative government affairs firms.
- 2) Decline to hire external state government affairs support.

RECOMMENDATION:

Move to ratify the multi-year contract (PT-38-11) with GTHGA and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into and execute a one-year contract extension, beginning November 1, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$56,000.

Executive Finance Committee Action:

Approved: _____

Disapproved: _____

Rick Talbert, Chair
Executive/Finance Committee

ATTEST:

Deanne Jacobson, CMC
Clerk of the Board

FACT SHEET – EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TITLE: Authorization to Execute a Multi-Year Contract with Summit Law Group for Labor Negotiations & Employee Relations/Chief Negotiator

DIVISION: Administration

ORIGINATOR: Vivienne Kamphaus, Executive Director of Administration

PRECEDING ACTION: None

COORDINATING DEPARTMENT: Employee Services

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Chief Financial Officer

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

Chief Executive Officer

General Counsel

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Resolution

BUDGET INFORMATION

2016 Budget Amount	Required Expenditure	Impact
\$125,000	\$500,000 (not to exceed over 4 yr. term of contract)	-0-

EXPLANATION: This expenditure covers the cost for Summit Law Group to assist the Agency with legal issues arising out of the contract negotiations for the ATU – Amalgamated Transit Union Local #758 and the IAM – International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local #297 Contracts for a three-year period. The cost of this expenditure is part of the annual Administration M&O budget which is budgeted at \$125,000/annually. The total value of this four-year contract (three-year contract with option of a one-year extension) is not to exceed \$500,000.

BACKGROUND:

After a competitive RFP process, Agency staff recommends that Pierce Transit contract with Summit Law Group for Labor Negotiations and Labor and Employee Relations/ Chief Negotiator Services for the next three years. The three-year contract term would be from September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019 with the option for a one-year extension. The scope of work would be to handle union negotiations, to serve as chief negotiator for contract re-openers, contract disputes, and contract negotiations; to provide comparable wage & benefit data as needed, to guide dialog and education between labor and management regarding matters of interest; and to provide legal support for potential interest arbitration or other employment and labor related matters.

Summit Law Group was the lowest cost firm having experience with Transit-related interest-arbitration eligible unions. They also represent a number of Transit Agencies across Washington State making their services extremely valuable when bargaining, negotiating, mediating or arbitrating cases with Transit unions. Additionally, Summit Law Group also provides the Agency with continuity and consistency, as they were the lead negotiators during the past contract period. This will benefit the Agency greatly since we will be entering into contract negotiations with the ATU in 2017 and the IAM in 2018 and they are well versed on past bargaining with the unions and labor relation activity, i.e., contract disputes, grievances, employment claims, arbitrations, etc., that have arisen during this period. Both the IAM and ATU are interest-arbitration eligible which makes the issues of bargaining, negotiating, mediating and arbitrating labor disputes more complex.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to procure legal services on an as-needed basis which may not be cost-effective nor would it provide the consistency of having a law firm under contract to address issues timely and consistently.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into and execute a multi-year contract with Summit Law Group for Labor Negotiations & Employee Relations/Chief Negotiator Services.

Executive Finance Committee Action:

Approved: _____

Disapproved: _____

Rick Talbert, Chair
Executive/Finance Committee

ATTEST:

Deanne Jacobson, CMC
Clerk of the Board