# INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO:	Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District	
FROM:	Shelley Kerslake, Tukwila City Attorney	
DATE:	October 8, 2012	
RE:	Attorney Services for the Metropolitan Park District	

## <u>ISSUE</u>

The contract for District legal services expired in September and needs to be renewed to allow for services to continue through the end of the year.

## BACKGROUND

The proposed contract extends legal services for the Metropolitan Park District through the end of the year.

### DISCUSSION

N/A

### RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the President to enter into a contract for legal services with the Lisa Marshall Law Firm.

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Contract No.

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

This Contract is entered into by and between the Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District, hereinafter referred to as "the District," and Lisa M. Marshall and the Law Office of Lisa M. Marshall, LLC, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor," for the purpose of providing certain legal services to the District.

WHEREAS, the District has determined the need to have certain legal services performed for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to have the Contractor perform such services pursuant to certain terms and conditions; now, therefore;

**IN CONSIDERATION OF** the mutual benefits and conditions hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. <u>Scope of Services to be Performed by the Contractor</u>. The Contractor shall perform those services described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth. In performing such services, the Contractor shall at all times comply with all federal, state, and local statutes, rules, and ordinances applicable to the performance of such services and the handling of any funds used in connection therewith.

2. Compensation and Method of Payment.

A. <u>Fee</u>. The District shall pay the Contractor for services rendered within ten (10) days after Board voucher approval in the form set forth on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The District shall pay the Contractor at the hourly rate of \$175, plus extraordinary expenses as set forth in Paragraph 2(B), below. The Contractor shall complete and return Exhibit "C," Taxpayer Identification Number, to the District prior to or along with the first billing voucher submittal.

B. <u>Extraordinary Expenses</u>. The District will not be billed for travel time to and from Commission meetings. Extraordinary expenses shall include court filing fees, deposition and other discovery costs. In addition, the Contractor will charge the District fifteen cents per page for photocopying and facsimile, and shall be reimbursed for legal messenger services, computerized research charges, filing fees advanced, and other direct expenses.

3. <u>Duration of Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect for a period commencing September 12, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012, unless sooner terminated under the provisions hereinafter specified.

4. <u>Ownership and Use of Documents</u>. All documents, drawings, specifications, and other materials produced by the Contractor in connection with the services rendered under this Agreement shall be the property of the District whether the project for which they are made is executed or not.

5. <u>Independent Contractor</u>. The Contractor and the District agree that the Contractor is independent with respect to the services provided pursuant to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be considered to create the relationship of employer and employee between the parties hereto. Neither the Contractor nor any employee of the Contractor shall be entitled to any benefits accorded District employees by virtue of the services provided under this Agreement. The District shall not be responsible for paying, withholding, or otherwise deducting any customary state or federal payroll deductions, including but not limited to FICA, FUTA, state industrial insurance, state workers compensation, or otherwise assuming the duties of an employer with respect to the Contractor or any employee of the Contractor.

6. <u>Indemnification</u>. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the District, its agents, and employees from and against any and all liability arising from injury or death to persons or damage to property resulting in whole or in part from negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, its agents, servants, officers, or employees, irrespective of whether in connection with such act or omission it is alleged or claimed that an act of the District, its agents, or employees caused or contributed thereto. In the event that the District shall elect to defend itself against any claim or suit arising from such injury, death, or damage, the Contractor shall, in addition to indemnifying and holding the District harmless from any liability, indemnify the District for any and all expenses incurred by the District in defending such claim or suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

#### 7. Insurance.

A. The Contractor shall procure and maintain in full force throughout the duration of the Agreement comprehensive general liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/aggregate for personal injury and property damage. Said policy shall name the Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District as an additional named insured and shall include a provision prohibiting cancellation or reduction in the amount of said policy except upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the District. Cancellation of the required insurance shall automatically result in termination of this Agreement.

B. In addition to the insurance provided for in Paragraph A above, if applicable, the Contractor shall procure and maintain in full force professional liability insurance for those services delivered pursuant to this Agreement that, either directly through Contractor employees or indirectly through contractual or other arrangements with third parties, involve providing professional services. Such professional liability insurance shall be maintained in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per claim/aggregate. For the purposes of this Paragraph "professional services" shall include, but not be limited to, the provision of any services provided by any licensed professional.

C. Certificates of coverage as required by Paragraphs A and B above shall be delivered to the District within fifteen (15) days of execution of this Agreement.

### 8. Record Keeping and Reporting.

A. The Contractor shall maintain accounts and records, including personnel, property, financial, and programmatic records, which sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended and services performed pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall also maintain such other records as may be deemed necessary by the District to ensure proper accounting of all funds contributed by the District to the performance of this Agreement and compliance with this Agreement.

B. These records shall be maintained for a period of seven (7) years after termination hereof unless permission to destroy them is granted by the Office of the Archivist in accordance with RCW Chapter 40.14 and by the District.

9. <u>Audits and Inspections</u>. The records and documents with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement shall be subject at all times to inspection, review, or audit by law during the performance of this Agreement. The District shall have the right to conduct an audit of the Contractor's financial statement and condition and to a copy of the results of any such audit or other examination performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

10. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement may at any time be terminated by the District upon giving the Contractor thirty (30) days written notice of the District's intention to terminate the same. If the Contractor's insurance coverage is canceled for any reason, the District shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately.

11. <u>Discrimination Prohibited</u>. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or any person seeking the services of the Contractor under this Agreement on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, national origin, marital status, or presence of any sensory, mental, or physical handicap.

12. <u>Assignment and Subcontract</u>. The Contractor shall not assign or subcontract any portion of the services contemplated by this Agreement without the prior written consent of the District.

13. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or bind any of the parties hereto. Either party may request changes to the Agreement. Proposed changes which are mutually agreed upon shall be incorporated by written amendments to this Agreement.

14. Notices. Notices to the District shall be sent to the following address:

Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District 6200 Southcenter Blvd. Tukwila, WA 98188 Phone number: 206-433-1800

Notices to the Contractor shall be sent to the following address:

Lisa M. Marshall Law Office of Lisa M. Marshall, LLC 560 237th Avenue SE Sammamish, WA 98074-3629 Phone: 425-679-1537

15. Applicable Law; Venue; Attorneys' Fees. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. In the event any suit, arbitration, or other proceeding is instituted to enforce any term of this Agreement, the parties specifically understand and agree that venue shall be exclusively in King County, Washington. The prevailing party in any such action shall be entitled to its attorneys' fees, expert witness fees, and costs of suit.

Date:

Date:

TUKWILA POOL METROPOLITAN LAW OFFICE OF LISA M. MARSHALL, PARK DISTRICT

LLC

By:

Verna Seal, Board President

By:\_\_\_\_\_ Lisa M. Marshall

Approved As To Form:

Shelley Kerslake, Tukwila City Attorney

#### EXHIBIT A

#### Scope of Services to be Provided by Contractor

The Contractor shall be principally responsible for performing all legal work for the District, except where defense is provided through insurance coverage. The following list of duties is illustrative, but is not necessarily inclusive, of the services to be performed by the Contractor:

1. Review or draft contracts, resolutions, interlocal agreements, and other legal documents as requested by the District;

2. Advise the Commissioners and staff members with regard to legal matters relating to their respective duties for the District;

3. Represent the District in all lawsuits and other contested administrative proceedings commenced by or against the District, except where defense is provided exclusively through insurance coverage;

4. Consult with and advise the Commissioners and staff members in person, by telephone, e-mail, or by written memo on District business; and

5. Attend Commission meetings, staff meetings, or other meetings, as requested by the District.

### EXHIBIT B

# Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District Billing Voucher

To: Tukwila Po 6200 South Tukwila, W 206-433-18	A 98188	
Contractor:		
Mailing Address:		
Specific Program:		
Amount requested	his invoice: \$	
Invoice Number:	Date of Invoice:	
Authorized signatu	ce	
BUDGET SUMMA	ARY	
Total contract amou	unt \$	
Previous payments	ant \$ \$ \$	
Current request	\$	
Total requested this		
contract to date	\$ \$	
Balance remaining	\$	
Tukwila Pool Metro	, submit a separate voucher for each program which is funded by your opolitan Park District contract.	

For Department Use Only

Approved for Payment:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

#### EXHIBIT C

#### Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District 6200 Southcenter Blvd. Tukwila, WA 98188 206-433-1800

#### TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

In order for you to receive reimbursement from the Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District, we must have either a Tax Identification Number or a Social Security Number. The Internal Revenue Code requires a Form 1099 for payments to every person or organization other than a corporation for services performed in the course of trade or business. Further, the law requires us to withhold 20% on reportable amounts paid to unincorporated persons who have not supplied us with their correct Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number.

Please complete the following information request form and return it to the Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District before or along with the submittal of the first billing voucher.

Please check the appropriate category:

Corporation	Partnership			
Government Individual/Proprietor	Other (please explain)			
TIN#:				
SS#:				
Print Name:				
Print Title:				
Business Name:				
Business Address:				
Business Phone:				