

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Andrew Martin, City Attorney

SUBJECT:

Starbright Industrial Development Corporation Resolution to be authorized by the Board of Directors to pay for additional professional legal services rendered by the law firms of Cox & Smith, Incorporated and Loeffler, Jonas & Tuggey, LLP for Project Starbright in the

additional amount of \$50,000.00

DATE:

December 9, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

This Resolution authorizes final payments totaling \$50,000.00 for legal services. Two law firms, Cox & Smith, Incorporated and Loeffler, Jonas & Tuggey, LLP, provided legal advice and counsel to the City of San Antonio and to the City of San Antonio, Texas, Starbright Industrial Development Corporation during the negotiations of the Project Starbright Agreement and the subsequent implementation of that agreement.

The City of San Antonio had previously authorized the retention of the law firms of Cox & Smith, Incorporated (now known as Cox Smith Matthews, Incorporated) and Loeffler, Jonas & Tuggey, LLP and it authorized payments up to \$590,000.00 for legal services provided in connection with Project Starbright. Subsequently, the City of San Antonio, Texas, Starbright Industrial Development Corporation authorized reimbursement of funds expended by the City from funds received by the corporation upon sale of bonds. Additional work was necessary that had not been anticipated to finalize the agreement and its implementation. This Resolution would authorize an additional \$50,000.00. (Loeffler, Jonas & Tuggey, LLP also provided other services in connection with the sale of securities by the Corporation for which it was separately compensated).

Staff recommends approval of this Resolution.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The legal services and resources provided by the firms of Cox & Smith, Incorporated (now known as Cox Smith Matthews, Incorporated) and Loeffler, Jonas & Tuggey, LLP helped the City provide timely, thoughtful and thorough responses to the complicated legal issues inherent in a proposal of the size, complexity, and importance of Project Starbright.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds to pay the legal fees and associated expenses as authorized by this Resolution are available from funds of the City of San Antonio, Texas, Starbright Industrial Development Corporation.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

The required ethics disclosure forms are attached.

COORDINATION

This action has been coordinated with the City Manager's Office, the Executive Director and the Corporations Treasurer.

Andrew Martin City Attorney

Approved:

J. Rolando Bono Interim City Manager