

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 21FY22 ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP DUES

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Payment to the Atmos Cities Steering Committee in the Amount of \$46,386.00 to Fund Participation in Dockets, Rate Cases and Other Proceedings Related to Gas Utility Regulations

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the payment of \$46,386.00 to the Atmos Cities Steering Committee to fund participation in current and upcoming dockets, rate cases and other proceedings related to gas utility regulations.

DISCUSSION:

On May 16, 2006, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3348-05-2006 (Mayor and Council Communication G-15202) authorizing the City of Fort Worth to join the Atmos Gas Cities Steering Committee. Authorization to pay the annual assessment to Atmos Cities Steering Committee was last brought to City Council in October 2014.

The Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) is the largest coalition of cities served by Atmos Mid-Tex. There are 178 ACSC member cities, which represent more than 60 percent of the total load served by Atmos-Mid Tex. ACSC protects the authority of municipalities over the monopoly natural gas provider and defends the interests of residential and small commercial customers within the cities. ACSC also undertakes additional activities on behalf of municipalities for which it needs funding support from its members.

The Steering Committee's Executive Committee met to plan for current and upcoming gas regulatory issues. On December 9, 2021, the Atmos Cities Steering Committee approved the 2022 assessment for Steering Committee membership. The Committee voted to assess member cities \$0.05 per capita to fund the Steering Committee in 2022. At this rate, Fort Worth's dues will be \$46,386.00 for the year.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the recommendation, funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the General Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Property Management Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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