

**AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM
NEAL, MURDOCK & LEROY, L.L.C.**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the continued retention of the law firm Neal, Murdock & Leroy, L.L.C..

DESCRIPTION: The General Counsel has continued to retain the firm Neal, Murdock & Leroy, L.L.C. to provide legal services in connection with land acquisition and related regulatory matters for the Capital Improvement Program. Additional authorization for the firm's anticipated fees is requested in the amount of \$800,000. As budget approved, there will be no impact on the General Fund.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: The firm is an MBE.

FINANCIAL: Charge \$500,000.00 to Department of Operations - Professional Services:

Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2005

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