


REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: April 8, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Entertainment and Facilities Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso 
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Council File No: 07-1586-S2
Assignment No: 16-04-0303

SUBJECT: Contract Extension with FilmL.A., Inc.

SUMMARY

FilmL.A., Inc. (FilmL.A.) is a private 501(c)(4) not-for-profit community benefit organization charged with coordinating permits for on-location motion picture, television and commercial production on behalf of the City of Los Angeles. The City negotiated and executed a contract with FilmL.A. on March 23, 2010 for a five-year term with three options to extend the contract for five years. The initial five-year term expired on June 30, 2015, but the option to extend was not exercised because the City and FilmL.A. identified issues with certain provisions within the contract that needed to be resolved, in addition to some technical amendments. FilmL.A. and the Economic Workforce Development Department (EWDD), the Contract Administrator, agreed to extend the existing contract to September 29, 2015 via a letter of agreement to resolve these issues. Due to ongoing negotiations, EWDD and FilmL.A. signed a second letter of agreement to extend the contract to October 30, 2015.

On October 30, 2015, the City and FilmL.A. recognized the need for additional time to discuss the proposed revisions to the contract. Therefore, on November 18, 2015, Council approved Motion (Martinez-Krekorian) (C.F. 07-1586-S2) to extend the existing contract for an additional six months to April 30, 2016 to provide City staff and FilmL.A. with additional time to discuss the proposed revisions to the contract. The Motion instructed the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), City Administrative Officer (CAO), City Attorney, and EWDD to negotiate and execute a contract renewal with FilmL.A. for a five-year term.

At this time, the City staff and FilmL.A. require additional time to review and negotiate the terms of the contract. In order to ensure that FilmL.A. can continue to provide permitting services to the City during the negotiations, the existing contract should be extended for an additional two months to June 30, 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS

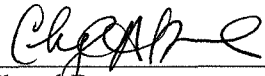
That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. APPROVE the extension of the existing contract with FilmL.A., Inc. to June 30, 2016 to provide the City and FilmL.A. with sufficient time to further discuss the technical issues and proposed revisions;
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, with assistance from the Economic Workforce Development Department, to extend the existing contract with FilmL.A., Inc. (C-117206) to June 30, 2016; and

3. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, City Attorney, Economic Workforce Development Department, and FilmL.A., Inc. to negotiate and execute a contract renewal for a five-year term in accordance with the existing contract agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommendations have no immediate impact on the General Fund.



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