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COUNCILMEMBER GREUEL ASKS FOR REVIEW OF GENERAL MANAGERS' AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS

In an effort to make city government more accountable and protect taxpayer dollars, Council President Pro Tem Wendy Greuel began the process of implementing tighter controls over contracting at the city's proprietary departments (Harbor, Airport, and Water and Power). Currently, General Managers of the city's proprietary departments have the authority to execute contracts for expenditures up to \$150,000. This authority enables general managers to execute thousands of purchase orders and hundreds of contracts every year, which may exceed \$100 million per year.

"Given the significant amount being expended in this manner, it is important to ensure that appropriate oversight is being provided to ensure that taxpayer dollars are put to work in an efficient and transparent manner," said Councilmember Greuel.

Greuel asked the city's Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Officer to conduct an analysis of the contracting authority as it currently applies to the proprietary departments including: a review of current oversight measures such as auditing and board review of executed contracts; recommendations for strengthening oversight; a report on the possibility of establishing an overall cap on the collective total dollar value of contracts that may be authorized yearly by general managers; and an analysis of the potential costs associated with any increased review proposed.

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