



Agenda Item No.: 3.

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY  
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

**SUBJECT:**  
Bill No. 2010-49 Grants to South West Gas Corporation a non-exclusive franchise to install, operate and maintain a transmission and distribution system to provide natural gas to consumers within the City, subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement between the City and Southwest Gas Corporation. Proposed by: Bradford R. Jerbic, City Attorney

**Fiscal Impact**

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required  
☐ Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**

**Funding Source:**

**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Southwest Gas Corporation currently provides residents of the City with natural gas service pursuant to a franchise agreement with the City. That agreement, as extended, expires at the end of 2010. This bill will grant a new non-exclusive franchise to Southwest Gas Corporation to continue to provide service for a term of 15 years, to expire in 2025, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement incorporated in the bill.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Bill No. 2010-49
2. Franchise Agreement

Motion made by STAVROS S. ANTHONY to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED explained that the Southwest Gas Corporation franchise is due to expire at the end of this year. This Ordinance would adopt a new

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franchise agreement to last for 15 years. The Charter requires that franchise agreements are adopted by Ordinance and requires that the City Council hold a public hearing, which in this case will be on December 15, 2010.

CHRIS WARE, Chief Executive Franchise Officer, City Attorney's Office, stated that this is a typical franchise agreement and it was a pleasure to work with Southwest Gas Corporation.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing closed.

