

City keeps contract with management groups



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The Desert Hot Springs city manager can pay up to \$60,000 for a business and economic consultant over the next six months, the City Council decided this week.

The city will extend its contract with the Development Management Group through June 30, paying at least \$5,000 every month.

That covers up to 50 hours of work a month. Each additional hour will be billed at \$100.

The cost is cheaper than hiring an economic development director, the city wrote in a staff report.

The city said it did not solicit proposals from others because of “successful efforts and to continue without disruption of the business development efforts in the current pipeline.”

The city won a state award last year for an economic strategic plan authored by Michael Bracken, managing partner of the Palm Desert-based Development Management Group.