

**7.26 APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRST FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK AS THE CITY DEPOSITORY - FINANCE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with First Farmers and Merchants Bank as the primary depository for the City of Columbia public funds.

**INFORMATION:** The City accepts proposals every three years to serve as primary depository for City funds and provide various banking services needed by the City. As a result of the most recent request for proposals there was submission from two local banks. The recommendation to approve First Farmers is based upon their ability to provide needed services, low costs of services, a favorable interest rate on deposited funds and ability to collateralize all deposits.