

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JUNE 12, 2000

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF CONTRACT NUMBER 17,237 WITH PARSONS HARLAND BARTHOLOMEW & ASSOCIATES FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL WEST GATEWAY SPECIFIC PLAN EIR.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to increase the not to exceed amount of Contract number 17,237 with Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates by \$52,000 thereby increasing the not to exceed amount of the Contract from \$65,000 to \$117,000, for additional services related to the supplemental West Gateway Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report.

BACKGROUND

In early 1998, the City contracted with the firm of Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates (Parsons HBA) to prepare the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the West Gateway Specific Plan. In July 1998, the Report was certified by the City Council.

Subsequent to the development of the Report, Legacy Partners Inc. filed for a Development Agreement with the City of Pasadena for the proposed Ambassador Campus Reuse Project. Based on a preliminary Environmental Study, it was determined that a supplemental Environmental Impact Report would be required. The purpose of the supplemental report would be to evaluate the site-specific environmental effects that were either not examined in the original West Gateway Specific Plan Program EIR or are shown by substantial new information to be more significant than as described in the original report.

On March 6, 2000 the City Council approved a recommendation to award a contract to Parsons HBA to prepare the supplemental EIR. Parsons HBA was recommended for this work based on the firm's unique understanding of the environmental issues related to the Ambassador site and because much of this work is supplemental to work already prepared by the firm as part of the original EIR.


The dollar amount of the contract requested on March 6th (\$65,000) was based upon the anticipated amount of work to be performed by Parsons HBA as part of the supplemental process. Taken into consideration was the fact that Legacy Partners Inc. had contracted with the firm of Environmental Planning Associates (EPA) to assemble certain

with the firm of Environmental Planning Associates (EPA) to assemble certain environmental information relative to the proposed project. It was expected that this work would facilitate the services to be performed by Parsons HBA. And, while this is still true, staff has concluded that in order to ensure full objectivity and integrity of the environmental review process, the firm(s) working on the supplemental EIR should not have any contractual relationship with the developer. Consequently, staff is requesting that the City Council increase the amount of the contract with Parsons HBA by \$42,000. This increase will provide sufficient funding for Parsons HBA to subcontract directly with EPA for its services and allow EPA to terminate its contract with Legacy Partners.

FISCAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the preparation of the Supplemental EIR will be paid for by the applicant, Legacy Partners.

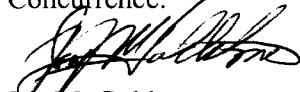
Respectfully submitted,


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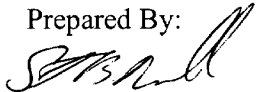
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