

Agenda Report

DATE: APRIL 23, 2001

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PARSONS HARLAND BARTHOLOMEW & ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000 FOR THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION TO EVALUATE PROJECT SPECIFIC IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED "HUNTINGTON GATEWAY" PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$70,000 to prepare an Initial Study and a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan. The proposed contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services.
- 2) Grant this contract an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance pursuant to section 4.09.060[C], contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND

In April of 1998 the City Council certified the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan. The document had been prepared by Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates under a City Council approved contract. Since this time, Held Properties Inc. has filed a Pre Plan Review application with the City of Pasadena for the purpose of developing a 225,000 square foot mixed use development on the South West Corner of Fair Oaks Ave and California Blvd. The proposed project includes an extended stay Marriott Hotel and two Medical Office Buildings. Based on a preliminary Initial Environmental Review, it has been determined that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report will be required to evaluate the site-specific environmental effects which either (1) were not examined in the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan Program EIR, (2) are shown by substantial new information to be more significant than as described in the Program EIR.

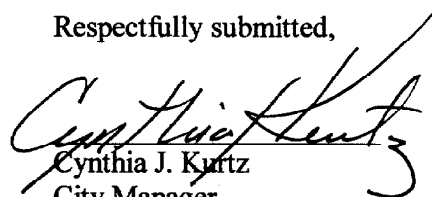
Rather than undertake a competitive selection process to identify a consulting firm to perform these services, staff recommends utilizing the firm of Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates. The firm possesses a unique understanding of environmental issues related to the project site and would be preparing supplemental work to their original Program EIR. Were the City to contract with another consultant to perform these services, significant time and cost would be associated having to familiarize themselves with the relevant environmental issues and analysis. Additionally, Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates has demonstrated a high level of service and professionalism. For these reasons, it is recommended that the City Council award a contract to Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates and an exemption from the Competitive Selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance.

Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates Inc has completed the required affirmative action forms and is in compliance with the Living Wage Ordinance as well.

FISCAL IMPACT

Consistent with City policy, the applicant will pay the full cost of preparing and adopting the Supplemental EIR. The applicant, will deposit a check with the City in the amount of \$70,000 with the Planning & Permitting Department to cover all the consultant costs in preparing the Supplemental EIR.

Respectfully submitted,




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