

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JUNE 11, 2001

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COTTON/BRIDGES ASSOCIATES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$95,000 TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PHASE II OF THE PLAZA LAS FUENTES PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$95,000 with Cotton/Bridges Associates (CBA) to prepare an Environmental Impact Report, Initial Study and related documents to the City's satisfaction and in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for Phase II of the Plaza Las Fuentes Project.

BACKGROUND:

On July 20, 1998 the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with CBA to provide consulting services for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Plaza Pasadena Renovation project and any other environmental documentation necessary for projects within the Civic Center/Mid-Town area that are submitted in the next thirty months. Pursuant to this authorization, City staff requested a proposal from CBA for environmental services related to the Phase II development of the Plaza Las Fuentes Project.

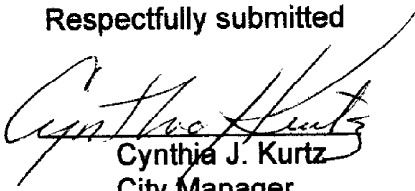
The City received a Predevelopment Plan Review submittal for this site on November 1, 2000 and requested from CBA a proposal for environmental services which the City received on January 3, 2001. Staff has determined this project falls within the boundaries of the Civic Center/Mid-Town area and the project submittal and corresponding proposal from CBA were received within the 30 months time line as specified by the prior Council authorization.

CBA is currently preparing environmental documentation for the Sanwa Bank block housing project which is 3 blocks to the east of this site. CBA's recent experience with the completion of the Paseo Colorado EIR and concurrent preparation of the Sanwa Bank block housing project will create cost efficiencies which will benefit both the applicant and the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:


All costs associated with the preparation of the Environmental Impact Reports will be paid for by the applicant, Maguire Partners.

Respectfully submitted



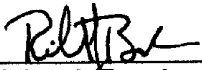
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