

Agenda Report

DATE: March 19, 2001

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH PARSONS HARLAND BARTHOLOMEW AND ASSOCIATES INC. FOR COMPLETION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE AMBASSADOR CAMPUS REUSE PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 17,237 for an amount not to exceed \$69,000 with Parsons Harland Bartholomew and Associates Inc. to provide for the completion of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Ambassador Campus Reuse Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Ambassador Campus Development Plan was initiated by Legacy Partners in the Spring of 2000. The "project" as proposed by the development plan envisioned substantial redevelopment of the site. Staff prepared an initial study to analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed project and found these impacts to be of a level of significance which required the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

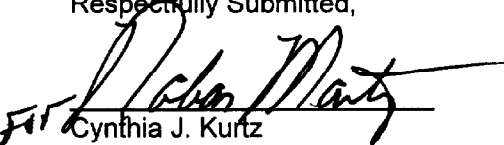
Parsons Harland Bartholomew and Associates Inc. was selected by the City to complete the EIR for the Ambassador Campus Reuse Project. This contract was originally for \$65,000. Additional costs were incurred as a result of a need to analyze various project alternatives and hire additional subcontractors for the preparation of the EIR. This contract has been amended twice by City Council. The first amendment was on June 12, 2000, which extended the amount by \$52,000 thus bringing the costs up to \$117,000. The second amendment on November 6, 2000 extended the amount by \$31,050 bringing the costs of the EIR up to \$148,050.

Due to the complex and controversial nature of the EIR, additional services are now needed to complete the project. These services include responding to numerous public comments, attending additional public meetings, preparing findings of fact and completing additional environmental analysis. Additional costs will be \$69,000 with the final costs of the contract not to exceed \$217,050.

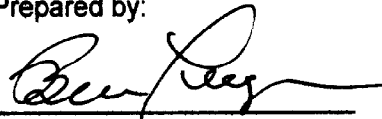
FISCAL IMPACT:

Consistent with City policy, the applicant will pay the full cost of preparing and adopting the Supplemental EIR. The applicant, Legacy Partners, will deposit a check with the City in the amount of \$69,000 with the Planning & Permitting Department to cover the remaining consultant costs in preparing the Supplemental EIR. This amount is in addition to the \$148,050 which the applicant has already provided the City for the costs associated in preparing the EIR. The total cost of the EIR is \$217,050.


Respectfully Submitted,


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