

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: APRIL 27, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ASSOCIATES (EPA) TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES IN THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE NEW CONSTANCE HOTEL AND OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT AT 880 E. COLORADO BOULEVARD

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Environmental Planning Associates (EPA), for an amount not to exceed \$185,000 for the preparation of an Initial Study and EIR for the New Constance Hotel and Office Building Project. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) Contracts for professional or unique services.

BACKGROUND

Singpoli Pacifica, the developer, proposes a new, three-phased, mixed-use development on the south side of E. Colorado Boulevard between Lake Avenue and Mentor Avenue. The project proposes to redevelop the 1.9 acre site by establishing a new hotel in a newly constructed space as well as the reuse of an existing building, constructing a new office building and retail shops, and constructing a new subterranean parking garage to be used by the new development. The project would also include five residential condominiums. The total square footage of all buildings would be approximately 252,000 square feet. The subterranean garage would have 653 parking spaces.

Staff presented the Preliminary Plan Review (PPR) for this project to the City Council on May 30, 2009. The applicant's representative, RTKL Architects, has submitted applications for the Conditional Use Permits that are required for the project.

The proposed development project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposal from EPA includes preparation of an Initial Environmental Study. The EIR would include in-depth study of the following issues: Air Quality, Historic Resources, and Transportation/Traffic.

EPA is one of ten firms that are on the Planning and Development Department's Master Consultant's List for environmental services. The Master Consultant's List is comprised of firms that were selected through a competitive selection process to be pre-qualified to provide environmental services for projects in the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

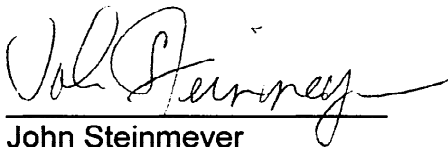
Consistent with City policy, the applicant will pay the full cost of preparing and adopting the Environmental Impact Report. The applicant will deposit a check with the City to cover consultant and staff costs related to preparation of the Environmental Impact Report.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Beck
City Manager

Prepared by:



John Steinmeyer
Senior Planner

Approved by:



Richard J. Bruckner
Director of Planning & Development

Fax to: John Steinmeyer
Fax #: (626) 396-7626

Disclosure Pursuant to the
City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment
Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII

Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:

(If printing, please print legibly. Use additional sheets as necessary.)

1. Contractor/Organization Name:
Environmental Planning Associates

2. Type of Entity:
 non-government nonprofit 501(c)(3), (4), or (6)

3. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:
James Brack - President, all officers

4. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:
James Brack

Prepared by: *James Brack*

Title: *President*

Phone: *(310) 820-4804*

Date: *4/23/09*