

# Agenda Report

July 25, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Planning Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND CONTRACT 19,572 WITH SCOTT FAZEKAS & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR AS NEEDED SPECIALTY BUILDING, MECHANICAL, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL PLAN CHECK SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize a one year extension to Contract 19,572 with Scott Fazekas and Associates for as needed specialty building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical plan check services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

## **BACKGROUND**:

On April 14, 2008, City Council authorized staff to contract with Scott Fazekas and Associates, Inc. to augment City staff in the area of building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical plan check services. The contract was approved for one year with three one year extensions subject to the approval of the City Council. Two extensions have been approved by City Council, in 2009 and in 2010. The amount of the contract in 2010 was reduced from \$500,000 to \$250,000 for that year. Staff is recommending that the City Council authorize the third and final extension at a not to exceed amount of \$100,000 or one year whichever comes first.

As the need for these services have lessened due to economic conditions, fewer plans were sent to the consultant. Since the approval of the second extension, the City has expended roughly \$55,000 under this contract. Therefore, staff recommends maintaining the contract should the need for these services arise, and for specialty projects e.g., private schools which call for a structural engineer to review per state law requirements and complex mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems. The not to exceed amount is recommended to be reduced to \$100,000 in recognition of the reduced reliance on these outside services.

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### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The proposed action is consistent with the City Council's strategic plan goal of promoting the quality of life and the local economy by ensuring public safety in reviewing plans in compliance with local and state laws and ordinances.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

This action has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061 (a) (3). The activity is covered under the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that have a potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The proposed action is an extension of contract services only and will not have an impact on the environment.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this action will be \$100,000. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in account 8115-204-447200 Building Services Fund where costs are fully recovered through plan check fees. It is estimated that \$100,000 of the cost will be spent during the current fiscal year. The anticipated impact to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action will be none.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### 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:

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1. Contractor/Organization Name: Scott Fazekas & Associa	ates, Inc.	
2. Type of Entity:		
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3. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, of	ficers of Contractor/Organ	nization:
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