

Agenda Report

April 30, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ONYX ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR THE COMPLETION OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PARKING GARAGES LOCATED IN THE CIVIC CENTER AND PLAYHOUSE DISTRICTS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061, (b), (3); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Onyx Architects, Inc. for a garage feasibility study in an amount not to exceed \$65,800.

BACKGROUND:

The long-term ability of the City to address off-street parking demand in the Civic Center has been raised by two recent activities. One is the parking garage conditions analysis completed in 2011 that indicates that the Holly Street garage that the City leases is nearing the end of its useful life as a structure. The Holly Street garage supports much of the parking demand for City Hall and the other civic buildings and replacing such a facility requires some thought. The other action is the renovation of the YWCA building and the potential increase in parking such an updating may entail. The opportunity to efficiently consolidate parking is present and warrants exploring the feasibility of a parking structure in the Civic Center.

The potential to construct subterranean parking in the Playhouse District has previously been documented and a CIP project was established to construct a garage on the site of the Playhouse Parking Lot. Conditions have changed since the CIP project was established and the design for that parking facility needs to be updated. The update can be accomplished more cost effectively by combining it with the feasibility work for the Civic Center.

On October 26, 2011, the Department of Transportation released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit bids for the completion of a feasibility study for the construction of two parking garages located in the Civic Center and Playhouse Districts. A total of six proposals were received on November 30, 2011 and were evaluated based on the RFP criteria by three review panelists and are listed as follows:

RANKING	FIRM	TOTAL SCORE 100 PTS MAXIMUM
1.	Onyx Architects, Inc. Pasadena, CA	93
2.	Watry Design, Inc. Pasadena, CA	86
3.	Walker Parking Consultants Los Angeles, CA	72
4.	International Parking Design Sherman Oaks, CA	72
5.	Kimley Horn & Associates, Inc. Orange, CA	69
6.	Beyond Elements Architects Pasadena, CA	67

Based upon the evaluation and merits of their proposal, Onyx Architects, Inc. was determined to be the most qualified firm. Therefore, staff recommends, that Onyx Architects, Inc., a local company, be awarded the garage feasibility study contract.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This contract supports the City Council's Three Year Strategic Plan Goals to Improve, Maintain, and Enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The project has been reviewed for compliance with CEQA Guidelines and is exempt per Section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The garage feasibility study contract will not result in any significant effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this contract will be \$65,800, which includes the bid amount of \$57,220 and a 15% contingency of \$8,580. Funding for this contract will come from 8114-301-774100-85-75042. It is anticipated that approximately \$43,428 will be spent in FY12, with the balance being spent upon completion of the study in FY13.

Respectfully submitted,

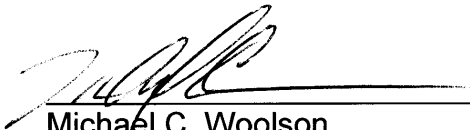


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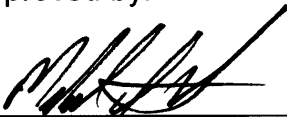
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**Disclosure Pursuant to the
City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment
Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII**

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:
Onyx Architects, Inc.

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

3. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:

Dale Brown, Onyx Architects, Inc.

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

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