

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN
AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH GRUEN ASSOCIATES
TO PREPARE THE EAST PASADENA SPECIFIC PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the contract with Gruen Associates to provide additional consultant services for preparation of the East Pasadena Specific Plan, as revised, in an amount not to exceed \$31,500. The total amount of the contract will be \$102,633.

BACKGROUND

The preparation of the Revised East Pasadena Specific Plan began in July 1998. On October 16, 1998, a Request for Proposals was released. Two proposals were submitted – The Arroyo Group and Gruen Associates. Interviews were held on November 24, 1998, and the interview panel chose Gruen Associates, with Lindscott Law and Greenspan (LLG) as traffic consultants and Economic Research Associates (ERA) for economics. The contract amount was for \$54,983. Later the contract was amended to add \$16,150 for additional meetings and the actual preparation (formatting, graphics, photo mockups, etc) of the document. These changes brought the contract to \$71,133.

The budget on the initial project was constrained resulting in a limited traffic analysis of the specific plan area. Public Works & Transportation staff was concurrently doing a traffic analysis on streets in the Lower Hastings Ranch area that was to be included in the study. The results of the land use analysis resulted in significant traffic impacts. The Steering Committee asked for an expanded traffic analysis including connections to such streets as Colorado Boulevard and Altadena Drive, as well as methods to eliminate existing traffic problems prior to considering future land use or development expansion.

A scope of work addressing these additional study areas was prepared by the Public Works and Transportation Department for LLG, and they responded with the attached proposal. The amount of this proposal is \$31,500, which includes time for Gruen

Associates (prime consultant) to write and administer LLG's effort. The main focus of the contract amendment is the expanded traffic study to be prepared by LLG.

LLG is recommending that the traffic counts at the new intersections be counted in mid-September after school begins, thereby delaying our anticipated completion date of the Specific Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report to late November.

FISCAL IMPACT

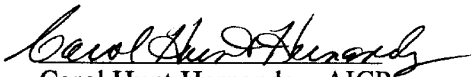
The costs associated with this effort are available in the Planning & Permitting Department in account number 443011 (\$7,000.00) and the Public Works & Transportation Department account number 763100-0106 (\$24,500.00).

Respectfully submitted,



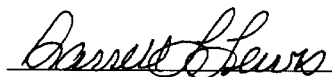
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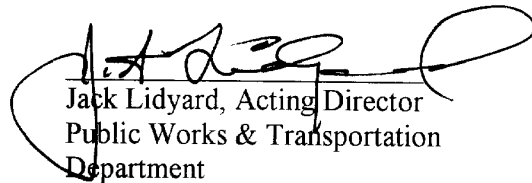
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