## RESOLUTION NO.\_\_\_\_\_(CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDING CONTRACT TO EPICO SYSTEMS, A CORPORATION, FOR FIBER OPTIC MAINTENANCE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 FOR THREE YEARS; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

WHEREAS, § 3-5.500 of the Municipal code provides that an RFP or RFQ process is found to be an effective and efficient way to procure professional services and procurement of professional services shall be based on proposals solicited from capable professionals and be evaluated based on a combination of factors including education, training, experience and demonstrated competence and professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required; and

WHEREAS, § 3-5.540 of the Municipal Code provides that contracts for professional services estimated to cost more than One Hundred Thousand and no/100ths (\$100,000.00) Dollars must be awarded by the Council, and that the selection will be based on demonstrated competence and on the education, training and experience and professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued in December 2021, asking for qualified consultants to assist the City with fiber optic maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for submittal of Request for Qualifications was January 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that the proposal from Epico Systems, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for three years, be accepted as the best response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Adopting a Resolution awarding a contract does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

2. That the Council hereby awards a contract to Epico Systems, Inc., for Fiber Optic Maintenance, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for three years.

3. That the Contract for Consultant Services between the City of Watsonville and Epico Systems, Inc., a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.

4. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute said contract for and on behalf of the City of Watsonville with minor revisions that may be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.

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