

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE 6th CYCLE (2023-2031) HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000 AND APPROPRIATING \$165,000 FROM THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND (0260)

WHEREAS, in June 2022, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified planning consultant to prepare an update of the City's General Plan Housing Element for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) projection period of December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2031; and

WHEREAS, following several rounds of review, scoring, and discussion of the four proposals submitted, Kimley-Horn was chosen as the team to assist the City in developing the 6th Cycle Housing Element update; and

WHEREAS, Kimley-Horn and Associates will be coordinating with the consultant team hired under separate contract for the 2050 General Plan update; and

WHEREAS, City staff, Kimley-Horn and Associates, and the General Plan consultant (Sargent Town Planning) wish to continue to coordinate and modify the scope of work and schedules for the General Plan and Housing Element updates to streamline each project and reduce redundancies; and

WHEREAS, the cost to prepare the 6th Cycle Housing Element update will not exceed \$180,000; and

WHEREAS, funding will be allocated from a \$165,000 Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant for RHNA/Housing Element planning. The remaining \$15,000 is already included in the 0221-347 Housing Element Fund.

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

1. This action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), in that adopting a Resolution approving the Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates 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, and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and if a "project," is exempt under the "common sense" exception (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment.

2. That the City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and execute a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for and on behalf of the City of Watsonville, including a final scope and schedule, for an amount not to exceed \$180,000.

3. \$165,000 shall be appropriated from the Special Grants Fund [0260] to cover the cost of \$180,000 for the contract.
