

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 SARGENT TOWN PLANNING, A CORPORATION, FOR COMPLETION OF THE 2050 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR); IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,980,000 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE ARPA FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,100,000 AND GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$880,000

WHEREAS, in June 2022, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant services to prepare a general plan update with a 2050 planning horizon; and

WHEREAS, Sargent Town Planning, a corporation, was one of the firms that submitted a Proposal to complete the 2050 General Plan update; and

WHEREAS, after internal review of consultant proposals and interviewing the 3 firms that submitted for the General Plan update, Sargent Town Planning was found to be the most qualified firm to provide consultant services for the City; and

WHEREAS, Sargent Town Planning will be coordinating with the consultant team hired under separate contract for the 2023-2031 Housing Element update; and

WHEREAS, City staff, Sargent Town Planning and the Housing Element consultant 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 2050 General Plan update will not exceed \$1,980,000; and

WHEREAS, funding will be appropriated from account nos. 0262-990-7361-02019 (ARPA Fund) and 0150-901-7361-02019 (General Fund) in the amounts of \$1,100,000 and \$880,000, respectively, for preparing the 2050 General Plan update.

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 Sargent Town Planning 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 is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and execute Contract between the City of Watsonville and Sargent Town Planning, for and behalf of the City of Watsonville with final scope and schedule that may be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.

3. That the budget appropriation of \$1,100,000 from the ARPA Fund [0262] is hereby authorized.

4. That the budget appropriation of \$880,000 from the General Fund [0150] is hereby authorized.
