

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO SSA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE WATSONVILLE CITY PLAZA PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$499,924; 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, that cost will not be the only basis for selection, use a qualifications-based selection process as described in subdivision (a) of § [4527](#)<sup>1</sup> of the California Government Code and negotiated as described in § [4528](#); and

**WHEREAS**, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on November 16, 2022, asking for qualified consultants to assist the City in providing Landscape Architectural Design and Consultant Services for the Watsonville City Plaza Revitalization Project; and

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<sup>1</sup> All references to section numbers will be to the California Government Code

**WHEREAS**, the deadline for submittal of Request for Statement of Qualifications was December 22, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, a total of five (5) firms submitted qualification statements; these statements were reviewed by City staff and a list was developed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has recommended that the proposal from SSA Landscape Architects, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$499,924, 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 to SSA Landscape Architects, Inc., 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. The Council hereby awards a contract to SSA Landscape Architects, Inc., for Landscape Architectural Design and Consultant Services for Revitalization of the Watsonville City Plaza Project, in an amount not to exceed \$499,924.
3. That the Contract for Consultant Services between the City of Watsonville and SSA Landscape Architects, Inc., a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.
4. Consultant shall file FPPC form 700s and 805s pursuant to section 19 of the Contract.
5. 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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