RESOLUTION NO._____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES TO HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC., A CORPORATION, TO PREPARE A PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $187,110

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 of the California Government Code and negotiated as described in § 4528; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued on December 5, 2023, with submissions due January 4, 2024, asking for qualified consultants to assist the City with preparation of a Pavement Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, a total of four (4) firms submitted qualification statements; these statements were reviewed by City staff; and

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WHEREAS, Harris & Associates, Inc., was selected for their knowledge and experience in preparation of Pavement Management Plans; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that the proposal from Harris & Associates, Inc., a corporation, in an amount not to exceed $187,110 be accepted as the best response for preparation of a Pavement Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of $187,110 in unexpended Measure D funds to cover the cost of the contract.

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 awarding contract to Harris & Associates, Inc. for preparation of a Pavement Management Plan 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 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 contract is hereby awarded to Harris & Associates, Inc., a corporation, for the preparation of a Pavement Management Plan, in an amount not to exceed $187,110.

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

4.   Consultant shall file FPPC for 700s and 805s pursuant to section 19 of the Contract.

5.   That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract for and on behalf of the City of Watsonville, in the form attached hereto with minor revisions that may be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.

6.   That an appropriation of funds in the amount of $187,110 in unexpended Measure D funds to a budget account to be created by the Finance Department for preparation of the Pavement Management Plan is hereby authorized.

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