

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDED CONTRACT TO HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RAMSAY PARK RENAISSANCE PROJECT, NO. PK-22-01 AND THE WATSONVILLE EXPLORATION/NATURE CENTER, PROJECT NO. CB 23-01, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$449,864; AND AUTHORIZING INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

**WHEREAS**, Section 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, that cost will not be the only basis for selection, use a qualifications-based selection process as described in subdivision (a) of § 45271<sup>1</sup> of the California Government Code and negotiated as described in § 4538, be based on factors including those in subdivision (a) of § 4527 and that results be the best value to the City, based on demonstrated competence and on the education, training and experience and professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required; and

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

**WHEREAS**, a Request for Qualification Statements (RFQ) was issued on May 12, 2021, asking for qualified consultants to assist the City for Periodic and On-Call Professional Engineering Services for staff augmentation, design, construction management, and inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the deadline for submittal of Request for Qualification Statements was June 15, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of firms submitted qualification statements; these statements were reviewed by City staff and a list was developed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the City will be contracting with a number of consulting engineering firms on this list to provide services on specific projects; and

**WHEREAS**, this list will be maintained for three (3) years as stated in the RFQ; and

**WHEREAS**, Harris & Associates, Inc., a California corporation, is on this list of eligible consultants for the consideration of the City Manager and submission to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim City Manager has recommended that the proposal from Harris & Associates, Inc., a California corporation, for On-Call Professional Engineering Services for the City's Ramsay Park Renaissance and Nature Center Project, in an amount not to exceed \$449,864, be accepted as the best response.

**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 the Ramsay Park

Renaissance Project, No. Pk-22-01 and the Watsonville Exploration/Nature Center, Project No. CB 23-01 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. The Council awards a contract to Harris & Associates Inc., for the Ramsay Park Renaissance Project, No. Pk-22-01, and the Watsonville Exploration/Nature Center, Project No. CB 23-01, in an amount not to exceed \$449,864.

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 form 700s and 805s pursuant to section 19 of the Contract.

5. The Interim 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 Interim City Manager and the City Attorney.

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