

Agenda Report



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 9, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB
SENIOR UTILITIES ENGINEER BERRY

SUBJECT: REVITALIZATION APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO
AGREEMENT WITH SSA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, INC.
FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES
FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE WATSONVILLE CITY
PLAZA PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$593,762

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the first amendment to agreement with SSA Landscape Architects, Inc., a corporation, for landscape architectural design services for the Revitalization of the City Plaza Project, in an amount not to exceed \$593,762; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

BACKGROUND:

On February 21, 2023, the City Council approved a contract with SSA Landscape Architects, Inc. through Resolution No. 34-23 to develop design drawings for the City Plaza in the amount not to exceed \$499,924. The contract with SSA Landscape Architects, Inc. is grant funded through the State of California's Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program for landscape architectural design and consultant services on the City Plaza Revitalization Project.

The Watsonville City Plaza is on the National Register of Historic Places, with protected features including a bandstand (gazebo), water fountain, drinking fountain, and two artillery cannons. The proposed project would renovate the historic gazebo structure to preserve it for the enjoyment of future generations. Additional proposed site improvements include new landscaping, lighting, and permeable paving. An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for this project, in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Additionally, an Administrative Use Permit with Design Review and Environmental Review (PP2019-448) for the City Plaza Expansion and Renovation Project has been approved by the City's Zoning Administrator.

DISCUSSION:

SSA Landscape Architects, Inc. is finalizing the 90% construction design plans for the Revitalization of the Watsonville Plaza Project. This amendment requests additional funding to design electrical service upgrades for new site lighting. Electrical upgrades will include lighting for the installation of four art sculptures with a seating area.

Additional funding is also needed to conduct a forensic investigation on the Bandstand (gazebo) to better understand how it was constructed and how to repair it. Based on the testing and investigation, additional design work beyond the original contract amount will be required to repair the Bandstand (gazebo) and ensure the structure is safe for public access. An additional \$93,838 is needed to complete the designs for the City Plaza Revitalization Project. This amendment also extends the contract completion date to June 30, 2026.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This recommendation is consistent with the following Council Strategic Goals:

The Council's adoption of this resolution is consistent with the Council's priorities of:

- 2 - Infrastructure & Environment: Renovation of significant City infrastructure.
- 1 - Economic Development: The Plaza serves as a gathering place and focal point for events and social life downtown.
- 6 - Community Engagement & Well-Being: Parks support community well-being.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The State of California Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant was appropriated to account 0260-337-7361-09053 in the amount of \$3,349,595. The contract with SSA Landscape Architects will be charged to this account in the amount of \$593,762.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The Council may choose not to accept this amendment and the project will not be finalized.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None