

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO WALLACE GROUP, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE FREEDOM BLVD (GREEN VALLEY RD TO AIRPORT BLVD) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$629,022; 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](#)¹ of the California Government Code and negotiated as described in § [4528](#); and

WHEREAS, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued on July 10, 2023, asking for qualified consultants to assist the City with on-call water and wastewater design services; and

¹ All references to section numbers will be to the California Government Code

WHEREAS, the deadline for submittal of Request for Statement of Qualifications was August 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a total of 16 firms submitted qualification statements; these statements were reviewed by City staff; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that the proposal from Wallace Group, a California corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$629,022, be accepted as the best response; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$629,022 (\$100,000 from budget account 0312-972-7837-15193, \$333,891 from budget account 0312-972-7837-14405, and \$195,131 from budget account 0720-973-7831-14834 to a budget account and new project number to be created by the Finance Department.

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 Wallace Group, a California Corporation, for the Engineering Design Services for the Freedom Blvd (Green Valley Rd to Airport Blvd) Improvement Project 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 Wallace Group, a California corporation, for Engineering Design Services for the Freedom Blvd (Green Valley Rd to Airport Blvd) Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$629,022.

3. That the Contract for Consultant Services between the City of Watsonville and Wallace Group, a California corporation, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.

4. 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.

5. That a budget transfer of \$629,022: \$100,000 from Account #0312-972-7837-151930 (Freedom Blvd Sidewalk Design), \$333,891 from Account #0312-972-7837-14405 (Maintain Roads), and \$195,131 from Account #0720-913-7831-14834 (Additional Water Main Replacement) to a new account and project number to be created by the Finance Department are hereby authorized.
