

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE REJECTING ALL BIDS AS NONRESPONSIVE FOR THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING: MASTER PLAN – PHASE 1, AND RAMSAY PARK SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING PLAN, PROJECT NO. ST-24-05014 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DIRECTLY NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 207-24 (CM), approving plans and specifications and authorized calling for bids for the City of Watsonville Signage and Wayfinding: Master Plan – Phase 1 and the Ramsay Park Signage and Wayfinding Plan, Project No. ST-24-05014 (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the bids received for the City of Watsonville Signage and Wayfinding: Master Plan – Phase 1 and the Ramsay Park Signage and Wayfinding Plan, Project No. ST-24-05014 were opened in the “Old City Council Chambers”, City Hall, 250 Main Street, Watsonville, California, on November 15, 2024, at 3:00 P.M., and later tabulated by the Purchasing Officer for the consideration of the City Manager and submission to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the bids received. All bids received were found to be non-responsive; and

WHEREAS, this Project utilizes American Rescue Plan funds that are subject to certain federal restrictions; the City wishes to comply with these restrictions and avoid any possibility of jeopardizing the funds, so it wishes to move forward with a contract and utilizing the funds as expeditiously as possible; and

WHEREAS, Watsonville City Charter Section 1117 provides that, if the City adopts, by ordinance, the “Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act” (“CUPCAA”), the

City will be governed by CUPCCAA, notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter;
and

WHEREAS, Watsonville Municipal Code Section 7-14.01 provides that “this chapter is enacted for the purpose of implementing the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (Public Contracts Code Section 22000 et seq.) and to provide for bidding procedures in undertaking public works and provided in Section 1117 of the City Charter;
and

WHEREAS, CUPCCAA provides that, if no bids are received through the formal or informal procedure, the project may be performed by negotiated contract; and

WHEREAS, the bids received were nonresponsive; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends City Council reject all bids and authorize the City Manager to directly negotiate and execute a contract for the project with either proposer or any other party.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Adopting a Resolution rejecting all bids and authorizing the City Manager to directly negotiate and execute a contract with either proposer or any other party 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. That all bids for the City of Watsonville Signage and Wayfinding: Master Plan – Phase 1 and the Ramsay Park Signage and Wayfinding Plan, Project No. ST-24-05014 are hereby rejected as nonresponsive.

3. The City Manager is authorized to directly negotiate and execute a contract for the project with either proposer or any other party.
