



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 23, 2019
TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager
FROM: Andrew Clough, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: **Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Approving The Scope Of Work For And Authorizing The City Engineer To Advertise For Public Bids For The Construction Of A Bay Friendly Landscape At City Hall, Project No. EPW – 19113, CIP No.18254016; CEQA Determination: Exempt Pursuant To 15301(h)**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the above entitled resolution.

BACKGROUND

On May 16, 2017 the City Council of the City of Emeryville approved resolution No. 17-66 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (StopWaste) to receive \$15,000 in funds for the design of a Bay-Friendly certified, sheet mulched landscape to replace the lawn around the Old City Hall.

After reviewing proposals, the City selected PlaceWorks as the most qualified respondent. PlaceWorks is a Bay Area landscape architecture firm that specializes in creating sustainable, context-sensitive, and inspiring environments, to prepare the conceptual design. The kickoff meeting was held in the summer of 2018.

On November 7, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution 17-174, adopting Green Building and Bay-Friendly landscaping Requirements Applicable to City Projects. The landscaping project in front of City Hall is subject to Resolution 17-174.

A draft concept plan was presented to the City Council on November 13, 2018. The Council's comments and suggestions were incorporated into the final conceptual plan (attached).

DISCUSSION

Benefits of this project include substantial water savings, maintenance labor savings, weed suppression without herbicides, reduced runoff, and lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. This project would demonstrate the City's compliance with the Bay-Friendly Resolution 17-174 as well as its commitment to promoting environmentally sound and sustainable landscapes throughout the City.

The Public Works Department plans to finalize the bid package by the end of July and, if approved, to advertise the project for public bids in August 2019. Construction is anticipated to begin in early spring of 2020 and be complete within the fiscal year.

This project is determined to be exempt under categorical exemption Class 1 Existing Facilities, State CEQA Guideline Section 15301(h) regarding maintenance of existing landscaping.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Capital Improvement Plan (“CIP”) adopted in June 2019, includes sufficient funding in FY 2019-20 for the construction of the Bay-Friendly City Hall Landscape (CIP No. 18254016). PlaceWorks’ landscape designer estimated the total cost of the construction to be approximately \$77,000.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

During the summer of 2018, City staff received input from the public and other City staff through a series of short surveys aimed to gather the community and the City employees’ preferences on design features. These responses helped to inform development of the draft concept plan.

CONCLUSION

Staff requests that the City Council authorize the City Engineer to advertise the project for public bids once the City Engineer has reviewed and approved the plans and specifications.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Resolution
- Final Conceptual Plan