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City Council Staff Report

From: City Manager

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Lead Department: Public Works

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TITLE

Approval of a Contract Amendment for Time Only with Romig Engineers, Inc. for Geotechnical Services for the Public Safety Building Capital Improvement Program Project (PE-15001); CEQA: Environmental Impact Report for the Public Safety Building and the New California Avenue Area Parking Garage (Resolution No. 9772)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council approve and authorize the City Manager or their designee to execute Contract Amendment No. 3 to Contract S20176170 with Romig Engineers, to provide geotechnical services for the Public Safety Building project through April 30, 2024 at no additional cost.

BACKGROUND

The New Public Safety Building (PSB) (PE-15001) and New California Avenue Area Parking Garage (Garage) (PE-18000) are among ten key projects included in the 2014 Council Infrastructure Plan. The PSB was identified as the plan's highest priority project and is tied together with the parking garage project with respect to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The parking garage opened in December 2020. On February 1, 2021, Council approved the award of the construction contract for the PSB to Swinerton Builders and authorized execution and delivery of one series of Certificates of Participation in an amount not to exceed \$120 million to finance PSB construction.¹ The PSB construction is estimated to be complete in fall 2023. Romig Engineers' construction geotechnical services are still required as construction on the PSB continues.

¹ City Council, February 1, 2021; Agenda Item # 4, SR #11752, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/reports/city-manager-reports-cmrs/year-archive/2021/id-11752.pdf>

ANALYSIS

Romig Engineers' services for the PSB project include evaluation of subsurface materials at the site to provide information for design and construction of excavation shoring and seepage cut-off walls, preconstruction geotechnical services, and construction geotechnical services. Romig Engineers contract S20176170² began on November 8, 2019. The contract term was through November 7, 2022 and was extended by Amendment No. 2 through May 18, 2023. Amendment No. 3 is needed for Romig Engineers to continue to provide construction geotechnical services through the end of PSB construction. The new contract expiration date will extend beyond the anticipated PSB construction completion to provide for potential related but unforeseen geotechnical engineering needs in support of the project.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

No additional funding is required for the contract and recommendation in this report. This is a time-only extension that requires Council approval.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Extensive stakeholder engagement was completed during the PSB design process. No stakeholder engagement was done for this contract amendment.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

An Environmental Impact Report for the PSB and the New California Avenue Area Parking Garage was prepared and was certified by Council on June 11, 2018, by adoption of Resolution No. 9772³.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: S20176170 Romig-Amendment No. 3

APPROVED BY:

Brad Eggleston, Director Public Works/City Engineer

² Romig Engineers Inc., Geotechnical services for Public Safety Building, S20176170, https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/public-works/engineering-services/cip-contracts/romig-engineers-inc.-s20176170-psb_final.pdf

³ Resolution 9772, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/city-clerk/resolutions/reso-9772.pdf?t=40475.53>