

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Agreement - Aidlin Darling Design, \$837,863 - Waiver of a Competitive Solicitation Requirement to Procure Partial Design Documents for Geneva Car Barn and Powerhouse Improvements]

Ordinance waiving the competitive solicitation requirement under Administrative Code, Section 6.40, and authorizing the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department to enter into a professional services agreement with Aidlin Darling Design in the amount of \$837,863, for the purpose of completing design development documents and partial completion of construction documents for the Geneva Car Barn and Powerhouse project, and to amend the agreement as necessary to complete final (100 percent) construction documents, to commence following Board approval.

Existing Law

Section 6.40 of the Administrative Code requires Departments to procure outside temporary professional design or consultant services for public work projects greater than \$100,000 through a competitive process.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance will not amend or modify any provision of current law. Rather, the ordinance would waive the competitive solicitation requirement under Administrative Code, Section 6.40 for this specific contract and authorize the Recreation and Park Department to enter into a professional services agreement with Aidlin Darling Design to complete design development documents and partial completion of construction documents for the Geneva Car Barn and Powerhouse project. The ordinance also authorizes the Department to amend the agreement as necessary to complete final (100 percent) construction documents if additional funds are raised.

Background Information

The Recreation and Parks Department (“RPD”) wishes to leverage \$837,863 in 2000 GO Bond funds available for the project to seek additional funds from the 2015 Historic Preservation and New Market Tax Credit program as well as the City’s Community Opportunity Fund program. To be eligible for these programs, the project must have final design and construction documents completed by the end of 2014.

RPD desires to award a professional services contract to Aidlin for two reasons. First, because a typical competitive procurement for architectural services for public works projects can take many months, a competitive solicitation process under Section 6.40 of the Administrative Code would likely impair the City’s ability to seek 2015 Historic Preservation

and New Market Tax Credits and Community Opportunity Fund money for the Car Barn project. Second, RPD is concerned that if another architect is brought onto the project, not only would it be unusual for that new firm to complete design and construction documents based on Aidlin's schematic design, but inconsistencies or changes with the design of the Car Barn could jeopardize the approvals received from SHPO and the NPS.

Accordingly, RPD seeks to enter into an agreement with Aidlin in an amount of \$837,853 to complete 100 percent design development documents and 50 percent construction documents. Final construction documents (100% completion) will require an additional \$465,951 based on current cost proposals. RPD and the Friends have agreed that the Friends will attempt to make up the \$465,951 shortfall through fundraising.

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