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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER [IF APPLICABLE]

RESOLUTION: 1) AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES TO BLINK!LAB ARCHITECTURE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000.00) TO PREPARE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A NEW HOOVER BRANCH LIBRARY (PROJECT NO. 1004856), WITH AN OPTION TO AMEND BLINK!LAB ARCHITECTURE'S AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE GRANT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) UPON IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING; 2) AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUTURE GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOOVER BRANCH LIBRARY; AND 3) ADOPTING APPROPRIATE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the Hoover-Foster neighborhood of West Oakland was historically served by various reading rooms and two separate branch libraries that are all closed now; and

WHEREAS, a Master Facilities Plan in 2006 recognized the gap in library services in this underserved neighborhood and recommended a new 8,000-12,000 square foot library based on population growth projections; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study is needed to explore and evaluate the potential development of a new Hoover Branch Library; and

WHEREAS, a new Hoover Branch Library will support the Oakland Public Library's mission to provide services to Oakland residents and patrons of all ages, races and abilities that enhance the equitable disbursement of Library services, programs, staffing, facilities, technology and resources in order to decrease disparities in life outcomes of marginalized communities and to facilitate equity of opportunity throughout Oakland; and

WHEREAS, The Infrastructure and Housing Bonds measure (Measure KK), passed in November 2016, provides funding for the Main Library Feasibility Study through City Council Resolution No. 87376 C.M.S. in the Fiscal Year 2019-21 Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional architectural services was issued on July 9, 2021, in accordance with Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) 2.04.051 and Administrative Instruction 150 and three responses were received by Public Works Capital Contracts Division on September 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Scope of Services advertised was preparing a feasibility study for a new Hoover Branch Library along with the option for grant support services, planning work to update the Library's 2006 Master Facilities Plan, and full design services through construction administration; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study provides the crucial framework and community engagement needed to seek potential federal, state, local, and private funding to implement the feasibility study recommendations; and

WHEREAS, a five-member panel comprised of staff from Oakland Public Library and Oakland Public Works staff and representatives from Friends of the Hoover Durant Public Library evaluated all three proposals, interviewed all three teams, and recommended blink!LAB Architecture and their subconsultant team as the most qualified and responsive team; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15268 (Ministerial Projects), 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan or Zoning), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15303 (Small Structures), 15304(h) (minor alterations to land), and/or 15061(b)(3) (No Significant Effect on the Environment); each of the aforementioned provides a separate and independent basis for CEQA compliance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the agreement with blink!LAB Architecture is for professional services and that the services under contract will be temporary; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the performance of this contract shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to award and execute an agreement with blink!LAB Architecture for an amount not-to-exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) to prepare a feasibility study for a new Hoover Branch Library, with an option to amend blink!LAB Architecture's agreement to provide grant support services for an amount not-to-exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) upon identification of additional funding; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and appropriate future grant funds to support the design and construction of a new Hoover Branch Library; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the said agreement shall utilize funds from Measure KK Funds (5332 and 5335); Project (1004856); Capital Projects Organization (92270); Consultant Contract Account (tbd); Awards (23687 and 23940); Program (IN06); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the contracted firm shall comply with all City contracting and compliance program requirements that apply to this agreement, including the Local and Small Local Business Enterprise Program; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Council finds that the feasibility study is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15268 (Ministerial Projects), 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan or Zoning), 15301(c) (Existing Facilities, Highways and Streets), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15303 (Small Structures), 15304(h) (minor alterations to land), and/or 15061(b)(3) (No Significant Effect on the Environment); each of the aforementioned provides a separate and independent basis for CEQA compliance; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council directs the City's Environmental Review Officer to file a Notice of Exemption; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to approve any subsequent amendments, modifications, or extensions of said agreement, excepting those related to increasing the amount of the contract above the amounts authorized under this Resolution, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the contract and any subsequent amendments or extensions shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney for form and legality prior to execution and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California