


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO URBAN ALCHEMY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,209,375) FOR THE OPERATION OF A 75 SPACE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) SAFE PARKING SITE AT THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 796 66TH AVENUE FOR AN EIGHT MONTH TERM TO COMMENCE UPON THE COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION AT THE SITE AND MAKING APPROPRIATE FINDINGS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 13662 C.M.S., declaring a shelter crisis in Oakland, and finding that a significant number of persons in Oakland are without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Alameda County EveryOne Home Count, Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count counted approximately 5,055 individuals experiencing homelessness in Oakland, of which 1,718 were sheltered and the remaining 3,337 individuals were unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 PIT count found that 27% of unsheltered individuals in Oakland were living in recreational vehicles (“RVs”) and that number is expected to increase in the near future; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the City of Oakland (“City”) to regulate the occupancy of RVs to protect public health and the safety of the RV occupants; and

WHEREAS, a City-owned vacant lot located at 796 66th Avenue (APN: 41-3901-4; approximately 197,327 ft²) has been identified to hold an RV program, and will allow up to 126 households to safely park and receive essential services, thus allowing those in RVs currently parked on Oakland’s streets to have a safer and more appropriate location to park; and

WHEREAS, this is the largest RV Safe Parking program the City of Oakland will fund and funding for fiscal year 22/23 will allow for an initial ramp up period to operate half of the site up to 75 spaces to begin upon completion of site construction; and

WHEREAS, this proposed RV Safe Parking program requires an operator to oversee the site, and Urban Alchemy was selected through a competitive RFQ process to receive the professional services agreement, has experience managing outdoor homeless interventions,

including RV Safe Parking sites, and has been identified as the best option to run the extensive 75-space program; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has determined that this professional services agreement is of a professional and temporary nature and shall not result in the loss of salary or employment by anyone having permanent status in competitive civil service; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose in the State of California Other Fund (2159), Community Housing Services Organization (78411) HHAP Round 3 FY2023 - 2025 (Project 1006326), Homeless Services and Support (Program NB41); the OPR Preservation, Litter Reduction, Homelessness Support Act Measure Q Fund (2244), MEASQ HOMELESS (Project 1005349), and General Purpose Fund (1010), Encampment Resolution Funds (Project 1006324); now, therefore it be

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby awards a professional services agreement to Urban Alchemy in an amount not to exceed one million two hundred nine thousand three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,209,375) for the operation of an RV Safe Parking site at the City-owned property at 796 66th Avenue for a term to begin at the conclusion of construction on-site and to end after an eight-month term; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby finds and determines, after independent review and consideration of the staff report accompanying this resolution regarding the authorization of an agreement to administer an RV Safe Parking Site, and the legislative history outlined therein, as supported by substantial evidence in the record and for the reasons set forth in this Resolution, and, each as a separate and independent basis, that the RV Safe Parking Site, including the actions authorized under this Resolution and the operation and administration of the proposed RV Safe Parking Site, is exempt from additional review and analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*; “CEQA”) and the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., title 14, section 15000 *et seq.*; “CEQA Guidelines”) under CEQA Guidelines section 15303, “New Construction of Conversion of Small Structures,” which exempts the construction of limited numbers of new structures or facilities, and/or CEQA Guidelines section 15304, “Minor Alterations to Land,” which exempts minor alterations in the condition of public land, including temporary uses, and/or CEQA Guidelines section 15311, “Accessory Structures,” which exempts the construction of minor structures appurtenant to existing facilities, and/or CEQA Guidelines section 15332, “In Fill Development Projects,” which exempts projects characterized as in fill development meeting certain specified.

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: _____

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