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Mayor Morgan and Councilmembers,

Please pull Consent Items 6C and 6D for separate discussion before approval.

Together, these items authorize another $225,000 in consultant spending:

- $50,000 additional CSG Planning Consultant funding
- $95,000 additional CSG Building Consultant funding
- $80,000 sole-source Ben Noble Planning agreement

These services may be justified, but $225,000 in additional consultant authority deserves a short public explanation rather than approval as part of a single Consent Calendar motion.

Please explain:

Why have the existing CSG contract amounts proven insufficient?

What work has already been performed, what has been spent to date, and what measurable deliverables will the additional $145,000 purchase?

For the $80,000 Ben Noble contract, why is a sole-source procurement preferable to competition? Can Council receive quarterly updates on projects Ben Noble is working on?

Which duties are being performed by consultants rather than permanent City staff, and is repeated consultant spending more or less economical than developing sufficient in-house capacity?

I am not asking Council to reject necessary professional expertise. I am asking for transparency and Council oversight when significant consultant expenditures continue to accumulate.

Please pull Items 6C and 6D and discuss them publicly before voting.

Thank you,

Kevin Maguire
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