



STAFF REPORT

March 20, 2024

File Number 0600-10; A-3451-1

SUBJECT

APPROVE AMENDMENT 1 TO CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH HOCH CONSULTING FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PROJECTS

DEPARTMENT

Development Services, Engineering Division

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2024-30, authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to execute Amendment No. 1 to the consulting services agreement with Hoch Consulting for project management, inspection and engineering services in the amount of \$2,012,366.85.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department, Chris McKinney, Deputy City Manager and Julie Procopio, City Engineer)

Presenter: Jonathan Schauble, Principal Civil Engineer

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes. Public Works/Infrastructure.

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Increase Retention and Attraction of People and Businesses to Escondido

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The cost associated with the amendment to this consulting agreement will be fully paid from the Capital Improvement Program project accounts and will have no impact on the General Fund. The amendment to the consulting services agreement with Hoch Consulting for project management and engineering services will be in the amount of \$2,012,366.85, which will be billed hourly starting after the approval of the amendment through December 31, 2026.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 29, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-146 accepting American Rescue Plan Act recovery funds and authorizing the funding of a number of programs and projects.

On June 8, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-78, which adopted the Capital Improvement Program and Budget Document and included approximately \$106 million to fund infrastructure projects over the next five years.



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On April 19, 2023, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2023-46, which awarded a consulting services agreement with Hoch Consulting for project management and engineering services in the amount of \$300,000 to be billed hourly over the course of one year.

BACKGROUND

Over the past five years, over \$22-million in Active Transportation, Highway Safety Improvement, Smart Growth Incentive, and State and Federal grant funding has been secured to enable completion of eight additional major capital improvement projects. At the same time, Engineering Services is experiencing a 23 percent vacancy rate largely fueled by private sector and utility district competition. The combination of additional capital projects, recruitment, and retention difficulties has resulted in a volume of capital projects that exceeds the capacity of staff to deliver them. The result is that some project schedules have been delayed making meeting grant-funding requirements more challenging and project delivery less efficient. This contract proposes to expand the capacity to deliver capital projects through amending the existing contract for an engineering consultant project manager.

A request for qualifications for project management and engineering services was posted and nine statements of qualifications were received on February 10, 2023. Staff from Development Services evaluated the consultants based on a pre-determined scoring rubric which included qualifications, experience, availability, and hourly rate. Candidates from the two highest-rated firms were interviewed, and ultimately, Hoch Consulting was selected.

Hoch Consulting began providing a project manager for CIP projects in May 2023 supporting the advancement of the South Escondido Gateway project, FY22/23 Annual Street Maintenance Program and completion of Phase III Corrugated Metal Storm Drain project.

Hoch Consulting will provide additional staffing resources of five full time equivalent staff members to manage, design and inspect six major capital improvement projects including the following services:

- Construction management and inspection services for Grand Avenue Improvements Phase II and Grape Day Park Restroom
- Project management, design and inspection services for the City's FY23/24 Annual Street Maintenance Program and Corrugated Metal Pipe Rehabilitation Phase IV project.
- Project management services for Mountain View Pickleball courts and Centre City Parkway/Brotherton Signalization projects.

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2024-30 authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the consulting agreement that would expand the capacity for project management, design and inspection on multiple Capital Projects through the planning, design, and construction phases.



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RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2024-30
- b. Resolution No. 2024-30- Exhibit "A" Amendment No. 1 to Consulting Agreement with Hoch Consulting