

City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: 08/28/06		Item Number: <u>A-9</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Authorization to Extend the Professional Services Agreements with Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz to support the Traffic Engineering section for review of Regional and Local Development projects			
Contact Person/Dept.: Herbertson/ Gaspar/PW		Phone Number: 310-253-5635 and 310 -253-5602	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☐	
Public Notification: Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz were notified via e-mail on August 23, 2006, and Master Notification List emailed on August 23, 2006			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (08/16/2006)		City Manager Approval: Martin R. Cole for Jerry B. Fulwood (08/23/2006)	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang 8/23/06			
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends that the City Council extend the contracts with Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz in an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000 to support the Traffic Engineering section of the Engineering Division for regional and local development projects. <u>BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:</u> On November 28, 2005, the City Council approved awarding contracts with Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz, in an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000, to provide traffic engineering support to development and regional transportation projects. In addition, the City Council authorized the Public Works Director/City Engineer to extend the contract an additional \$30,000, based upon continued satisfactory performances. The contract costs, with the extensions, will soon be exhausted. The reorganization of the traffic engineering section has been successful. The Traffic Engineering Manager position was filled on a limited term basis by Gabriel Garcia since September 2005, upon the resignation of the former Traffic Engineer. Gabriel, with the assistance of an Engineering Technician, is currently working on traffic engineering items for the traffic committee, neighborhood traffic management programs, parking permit program, and public inquiries. There are five proposed neighborhood traffic management programs being studied. These programs require meetings, correspondence, traffic studies, and managing consultants.			

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Recently, considerable research was conducted to devise traffic engineering options for National Boulevard due to recent traffic related fatalities.

Meanwhile, Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz have supported the Traffic Engineering section on regional and local development projects:

Exposition Light Rail
LAX Specific Plan Expansion
Conjunctive Points Theatre
Washington/National Specific Plan
Culver Studios comprehensive plan
10100 Jefferson Boulevard 2nd road access to
West Los Angeles College
Playa Vista traffic mitigation projects in Culver City
Redevelopment projects at Washington/Centinela,
Washington Boulevard realignment, Washington/National
Private development projects at Hampton Inn,
10100 Culver Boulevard, Abraxis at
9920 Jefferson Boulevard

These projects take considerable time to support through meetings, correspondence, and analysis. The projects are ongoing and require the continued support of Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz.

Based on the workload of the Traffic Engineering section, staff recommends that this arrangement, utilizing consultants to oversee traffic issues related to development and regional projects, while freeing up the City Traffic Engineer/Traffic Engineering Manager to focus on local neighborhood traffic concerns, continues to be the best solution. Otherwise the workload tends to be too burdensome for one person and the ability of the Traffic Engineering section to be responsive to neighborhood concerns and Community Development Department requests is diminished.

To continue to support this effort, staff is recommending that the City Council approve extending the contracts with Mr. Max Paetzold and Mr. Barry Kurtz, to support the traffic engineering section on development projects on an as needed basis, until June 30, 2007 and at an hourly rate of \$75. Max Paetzold is a retired traffic engineering manager that worked for Culver City for 7 years and worked for the City of Los Angeles for 32 years. Mr. Paetzold has a wealth of knowledge of Culver City and grasps the importance of broad issues affecting our community. Barry Kurtz is a retired Los Angeles County of Department of Public Works traffic engineer that has over 40 years experience in the field of traffic engineering with many of those years spent in the review of development projects. Mr. Kurtz is

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employed part-time (two days a week) by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Beaches and Harbors Division where he supports the division on traffic engineering issues. Barry is also a registered professional engineer.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is \$60,000 available in the traffic engineering consultants account in the adopted 2006/07 Engineering Division operating budget. This equates to 800 hours of traffic engineering support, from September 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Max Paetzold's resume.
2. Barry Kurtz's resume.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

- 1) Extend the contracts with Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz to support the Traffic Engineering section on public and private development projects, on an aggregate not-to-exceed fee of \$60,000.
- 2) Direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.