

**City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: 08/23/09		Item Number: <u>C-5</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Amendments Extending the Existing Professional Services Agreements with Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz to Support the Traffic Engineering Section for Review of Regional and Local Development Projects			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☐	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒ Date: _____			
Public Notification: (E-Mail) Agenda and Meetings – City Council (08/18/10); (E-Mail) Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz (08/16/10)			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson(08/12/10)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (08/18/10)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (08/18/10)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (08/18/10)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve amendments extending the existing professional services agreements with Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz, T.E. with an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$85,000 to provide part-time support to the traffic engineering section of the Engineering Division for regional and local development projects.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On July 13, 2009, the City Council approved extending contracts with Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz, in an aggregate not-to-exceed fee amount of \$100,000 to provide traffic engineering support to development and regional transportation projects. This spending authority has been expended.

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 Traffic Engineering Manager to focus on local neighborhood traffic concerns, continues to be the best solution. Otherwise, the workload will 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 would be severely diminished.

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To continue to support this effort, staff is recommending the City Council approve extending the contracts with Mr. Max Paetzold and Mr. Barry Kurtz, T.E. in the aggregate amount of \$85,000 to support the Traffic Engineering Section on development projects on an as needed basis. Since 2005, the total aggregate amount previously approved through several approved contract amendments was \$428,000. Mr. Kurtz, a professional traffic engineer, has voluntarily reduced his hourly rate to \$90 an hour from \$100 an hour, until December 31, 2010. His hourly rate will then increase to the previous \$100 an hour rate effective January 1, 2011. Mr. Paetzold's hourly rate is \$80.

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 Department of Public Works traffic engineer that has over 43 years experience in the field of traffic engineering with many of those years spent in the review of development projects. Mr. Kurtz is 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. Mr. Kurtz is also a registered professional traffic engineer.

Per Culver City Municipal Code § 3.07.070.A, the award of professional services agreements are not subject to the formal competitive bid process.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The cost of the contracts for Mr. Paetzold and Mr. Kurtz are budgeted in the Engineering Division's operating budget under Traffic Engineering Services, 10160500.612800. The budget amount for this item was reduced from \$100,000 to \$85,000 this fiscal year.

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

- 1) Approve the amendments extending the terms of the existing professional services agreements with Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz to provide part-time support for the Traffic Engineering section on public and private development projects, with an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$85,000.
- 2) Authorize the City Attorney to review/prepare the necessary documents; and,
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute such documents on behalf of the City.