

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 03/26/07		Item Number: <u>A-8</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Approve an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreements with Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz to Provide Support to the Traffic Engineering Section in its Review of Regional and Local Development Projects.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Charles Herbertson and Mate Gaspar		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 March 21, 2007, and Master Notification List emailed on March 22, 2007			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (03/06/07)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Iker) (03/12/07)	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang (03/13/07)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (03/20/07)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council approve an amendment to the professional service agreements with Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz to provide support to the Traffic Engineering section of the Engineering Division in its review of regional and local development projects as follows: 1) increase the “not to exceed” amount by \$28,000; 2) increase the current rate of \$75 per hour to \$90 per hour effective July 1, 2007; and 3) extend the term of the agreement to September 30, 2007. <u>BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:</u> On August 28, 2006, the City Council approved awarding contracts with Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz, in an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000, to provide traffic engineering support to development and regional transportation projects. The agreements were to expire on June 30, 2007. Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz continue to support the Traffic Engineering section on regional and local projects: Exposition Light Rail LAX Specific Plan Expansion Conjunctive Points Theatre Washington/National Specific Plan Sony Studios expansion Culver Studios comprehensive plan			

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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,
9920 Jefferson Boulevard
Metro Call for Projects applications
City's Capital Improvement Projects

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. It has taken more hours to support these development projects than originally anticipated. The contract amounts are nearly exhausted.

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 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.

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, in the amount of \$28,000 to support the traffic engineering section on development projects on an as needed basis, until September 30, 2007 and at an hourly rate of \$75, increasing to \$90 an hour on July 1, 2007.

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 40 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. He is also a registered professional engineer.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There are available funds in the traffic engineering consultants account (account # 101060500.612800) in the adopted 2006/07 Engineering Division operating budget to accommodate the increase of these professional services agreements.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

MOTION:

That the City Council:

- 1) Approve an amendment to the professional services agreements with Max Paetzold and Barry Kurtz to support the Traffic Engineering section in its review of regional and local development projects as follows: 1) increase the "not to exceed" amount by \$28,000; 2) increase the current rate of \$75 per hour to \$90 per hour effective July 1, 2007; and 3) extend the term of the agreement to September 30, 2007, and
- 2) Authorize the City Attorney to prepare the amendment and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City.