



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: JUNE 3, 2025

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: SUNAYANA THOMAS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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SUBJECT: \$109,175 CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN FOR REIMBURSABLE CEQA SERVICES RELATED TO ORANGETHORPE AVENUE WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL CEQA REIMBURSABLE PURCHASE AUTHORITY

SUMMARY

The City retains on-call environmental consultants to evaluate private development projects with costs fully reimbursed by the applicant as part of the City California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process. Staff selected Kimley-Horn to complete the CEQA documentation for 2461-2496 East Orangethorpe Avenue.

PROPOSED MOTION

Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute a professional CEQA services agreement with Kimley-Horn for proposed commercial development work located at 2461-2496 East Orangethorpe Avenue and future amendments, including extension options, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Provide alternative direction
- Other options brought by City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

The City Manager recommends approval.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact. The City administers CEQA review as a fully reimbursable service. Planning staff collects consultant costs from applicants in advance and adds a ten percent surcharge to cover administrative costs.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

City Council approved a five-year agreement with Kimley-Horn to complete on-call CEQA consulting services for projects and developments within the City of Fullerton On August 18, 2020 following a Request for Proposal (RFP) released on May 21, 2020, establishing a pre-qualified environmental consultants list to support the timely preparation of environmental documents, including Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations and Environmental Impact Reports. The City evaluated 27 proposals and selected 12 firms, including Kimley-Horn, to deliver high-quality, legally defensible CEQA analyses that streamline the City's review process. The City administers CEQA review as a fully reimbursable service. Planning staff collects consultant costs from applicants in advance and adds a ten percent surcharge to cover administrative costs.

The City is reviewing an application for a 110,232 square foot warehouse / distribution building at 2461 - 2496 East Orangethorpe Avenue. The applicant selected Kimley-Horn to perform the CEQA work. The size and scale of the project require formal authorization. The City would collect \$120,092.50 which includes \$109,175 for the project plus \$10,917.50 for administrative oversight. The project would continue through the land-use entitlement process and ultimately require a Planning Commission Public Hearing.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn
- Attachment 2 –Kimley-Horn Request for Proposal dated April 4, 2025

cc: City Manager Eric J. Levitt