

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 05-199

DATE July 13, 2005

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 2936 WITH URS CORPORATION, A NEVADA CORPORATION, DBA URS CORPORATION AMERICAS FOR AS-NEEDED ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES

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Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve an Amendment No. 2, substantially in the form attached, to Contract No. 2936, extending the term of the contract to URS Corporation, A Nevada Corporation, dba URS Corporation Americas by three years, for a new total of nine years, and increasing the contract amount from \$300,000.00 to \$600,000.00, subject to approval of the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Attorney as to form;
2. Find that the Department does not have available in its employ, personnel with sufficient time or the necessary expertise to undertake these specialized professional tasks in a timely manner, and, it is more feasible, economical and in the Department's best interest, to secure these services by contract;
3. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 16, and concurrently to the City Attorney for review as to form; and,
4. Upon receipt of necessary approvals, authorize the President and Secretary of the Board to execute the Amendment No. 2.

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SUMMARY:

On November 17, 1999, the Department entered into a personal services contract with URS Greiner Woodward-Clyde International – Americas, Inc. (now known as URS Corporation Americas) for as-needed environmental consulting services. The term was for six (6) years, expiring on November 16, 2005, and the amount was for \$300,000.00. Amendment No. 1 to change the name of URS Greiner Woodward – Clyde International – Americas, Inc. to URS Corporation Americas was approved by the Board (Board Report 03-54) on February 19, 2003. This amendment is in the process of execution.

To date, the firm has worked on several Department projects including, but not limited to, the Griffith Observatory Renovation Project (#1504C) and the Machado Lake Water Quality and Habitat Improvement Program (W.O. #E170205). It is anticipated that this consultant will continue to work on various aspects of the latter project, as well as others, in the future. At this time, the consultant has been assigned work on these projects that will extend beyond the current term of the contract. The Department does not have available personnel to perform these specialized professional tasks in a timely manner because of the huge workload to meet other project requirements and deadlines. The adjustment in yearly hourly rates from 2005 through 2008 is an acceptable industry practice and conforms to normal cost of living adjustments. This Amendment No. 2 will allow this consultant to continue working on the various projects through their completion.

This Amendment No. 2 is recommended in compliance with all Department and City procedures, policies and laws applicable to the award of the contracts. Principals of the firm are not employees or officials of the City; are free to make recommendations or perform the services specified in the contract; and have no authority, with respect to the City's decisions relating to the project, beyond fulfilling the provisions of the Supplemental Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Department's budget because all compensation to the consultant is provided in the funding of each individual project that the firm works on; therefore, there will be no decrease in revenue or increase in costs to the City, except possible minor savings if consultant relieves a City engineer or contract manager from expensive in-house fabrication.

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