



Legislation Text

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HACKER ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY MODERNIZATION STUDY

COUNCIL INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Address quality of place issues.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Longview Public Library (LPL) was a gift of Robert A. Long to the community and opened in 1926. The library had an interior remodel in the 1950s. In 1964, the community voted to remodel and expand the library to its current 33,000 sq ft. The remodeled and expanded building was opened in 1968 with great attention to matching the original building. In 2001, the library's slate roof and the expansion's flat roof were replaced. The building was also retrofitted for earthquakes and a new entrance and courtyard were completed in the front of the building. In 2007, the library's elevator was refurbished. LPL is listed on both the local and national historic registers.

LPL serves approximately 55,000 people in a service area that includes the residents of the City of Longview as well as a partial-county library district, located to the west and north of Longview, that contracts with the City for library service. LPL also serves the residents of our neighboring city Kelso with a reciprocal borrowing agreement. LPL is the largest library north of Vancouver and south of Olympia. LPL is heavily used with over 201,000 visitors in 2015.

As authorized in the Capital Projects Fund budget, staff issued a Request for Proposals to solicit architectural services to perform a modernization study for the LPL. The study will: evaluate the community's library needs and create an overall assessment of current and future space and service requirements; assess the current library layout and recommend reconfiguration of public and staff space within the library; provide budget level cost estimates for the concepts; and examine funding strategies for the improvements.

In accordance with state law for contracting architect services, staff selected Hacker Architects, Inc. as the most qualified firm and negotiated a scope of work and fee to perform the modernization study. Attached for your information is the proposed scope of work for the study.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

The total project budget is \$60,000, which will be funded by the Capital Projects Fund (\$50,000) and the Longview Library Foundation (\$10,000). The proposed consultant contract cost is \$53,920.00; additional costs within the project budget will be incurred by City Engineering staff to manage the contract.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Hacker Architects, Inc.

STAFF CONTACT:

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