

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JULY 12, 2006

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

BY: MIKE KAMINO, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GEODYNAMICS, INC., FOR ONGOING GEOTECHNICAL REVIEW SERVICES

The purpose of this item is to seek City Council approval for the City to enter into an Agreement for Consulting Services with Geodynamics, Inc., to provide geotechnical review to the City. As you may be aware, Geodynamics is a fairly new firm, headed by Mr. Ali Abdel-Haq, formerly with Bing-Yen Associates. When the Bing-Yen Associates office closed on July 31, 2005, Mr. Abdel-Haq started Geodynamics, Inc., and for the past year has been providing consulting services to the City. Mr. Abdel-Haq will continue to be the principal in charge of work at Geodynamics, Inc.

The primary task of Geodynamics, Inc., would be to review applicants' geology reports and grading plans for adequacy per the City's guidelines, and provide comments and recommendations to City staff. The work to be performed would be on a time and materials basis, with funds being drawn from applicants' trust accounts. Staff estimates that the annual reimbursable expenses would not exceed \$40,000, based on past invoices and in anticipation of the likely amount and type of projects that would need geologic review in the coming year.

City staff has been pleased with the work performed by Mr. Abdel-Haq and his associates this past year, and is confident that Geodynamics, Inc., will continue to provide high quality services to the City.

The proposed agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council approve the attached Consulting Services Agreement with Geodynamics, Inc., on a time-and-materials basis.

Attachment: Agreement (with Exhibits A and B)