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Item(s)

Actions pertaining to the South Industrial Priority Area (SIPA):

1. Approve a First Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Ascent Environmental, Inc., regarding land use, planning, and environmental services for the South Industrial Priority Area (SIPA). (Council District 3)
2. ***RESOLUTION – In support of community engagement in the South Industrial Priority Area Specific Plan (Subject to Mayor's veto)

Contents: Amended Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL SPECIFIC PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

WHEREAS, the City desires to engage in public outreach to assist in determining potential revisions to the draft Specific Plan for the South Central Specific Plan (SCSP), which may also include incorporation of relevant mitigation measures as part of the proposed Specific Plan ; and

WHEREAS, the City has begun work on an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the development of the SCSP; and

WHEREAS the SCSP boundaries are depicted in Figure IM-1 of the General Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the draft SCSP is a compilation of certain policies from existing City plans; and

WHEREAS, the SCSP encompasses and adjoins incorporated and unincorporated residential neighborhoods and communities, as well as elementary schools and religious institutions; and

WHEREAS the neighborhoods and communities within and adjacent to the SCSP are impacted by high levels of pollution, poverty, and unemployment and a lack of high-quality jobs with opportunities for career advancement; and

WHEREAS, disadvantaged unincorporated communities, and neighborhoods located within and adjacent to the SCSP lack basic municipal infrastructure; and

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Date Adopted:

Date Approved:

Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval:



Resolution No.

WHEREAS, the General Plan Land Use and Circulation Map applies the Heavy Industrial land use designation to parcels occupied by and adjacent to residential, elementary school, religious, and commercial land uses; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to obtain input from residents who live within and near the SCSP and other key stakeholders to inform development of the specific plan in order to develop a vision, land use changes and policies that: 1) avoid and minimize adverse impacts to existing sensitive land uses from new development and ensure a decent quality of life and a healthy environment for residents of existing neighborhoods and communities within and near the SCSP; 2) As a separate process to be conducted in 2020, study standards, and procedures for annexation of existing neighborhoods and communities in and near the SCSP and goals and performance measures for the extension of municipal infrastructure and services to these neighborhoods and communities; and 3) facilitate and promote economic development that advances community priorities relating to industry type, employment opportunities, job quality and community benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that the specific plan be referred to as the South Central Specific Plan (SCSP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Mayor and City Council of Fresno desire that the Specific Plan shall strongly consider and may incorporate reductions in the zoning intensity of undeveloped lands near to sensitive uses such as residences, schools and religious institutions in order to provide "buffers" to protect sensitive uses from adverse impacts from more

intense land uses in a manner that reflects stakeholder input.

2. The Mayor and City Council of Fresno also desire that the plan include new land use designations, policies and implementation actions specific to the plan area, and incorporate relevant environmental mitigation measures reflective of community input and the analysis prepared for the Environmental Impact Review.

3. The City desires that residents and stakeholders in and adjacent to the plan area shall inform the South Central Specific Plan, through an inclusive community engagement process. The community engagement process will include community meetings held before, during and after development of a draft specific plan. Community residents and stakeholders shall have an opportunity to review and provide feedback of draft documents, including but not limited to proposed land use designations and policy and implementation actions specific to the plan area. If determined feasible by the ad hoc committee, an advisory committee will be established and comprised of residents who live within and near the SCSP and key community stakeholders. A draft final Plan document shall be reviewed and considered for approval prior to Planning Commission and City Council action at a noticed public meeting.

4. The City desires the assistance of a qualified consultant with the capacity and expertise to conduct the community engagement and long-range planning specific herein in a high-quality manner. In consultation with the impacted Councilmembers, the City shall select a consultant to perform these tasks.

5. The Mayor and City Council of Fresno also desire that the current draft plan may be revised to include proposed new land use designations and/or policies specific to the plan area and incorporate relevant environmental mitigation measures

reflective of community input and the analysis prepared for the Environmental Impact Review.

6. Council authorizes the City Manager to expend \$250,000, in addition to the original amount authorized for the contract, and/or hire additional consultants, to fulfill the scope of work outlined herein.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2019.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2019
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2019
Mayor Veto: _____, 2019
Council Override Vote: _____, 2019

YVONNE SPENCE, CRM MMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Brandon M. Collet Date
Senior Deputy