

RESOLUTION NO. 4361-2021

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES (RGS) FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY FOCUSED ON THE MILL SITE AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000; ACCOUNT NO. 330-6125-0731)

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent health orders designed to slow transmission created financial uncertainty and hardships for many local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City's General Fund, which pays for most of our basic City services relies heavily on sales tax and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City was eligible for CARES Act Recovery Assistance, applied for, and was awarded \$137,500 in grant funds through the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) under EDA's economic distress criteria; and

WHEREAS, the City has become increasingly dependent on a tourist-based economy and acknowledges that the City's economic health would benefit from diversification, rather than being tied to a single industry or market sector; and

WHEREAS, the City prepared and circulated a Request for Proposals from qualified firms interested in contracting with the City to develop an economic development feasibility study, focused on diversifying our local economy through development on the Mill Site; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2021, the City timely received nine (9) proposals from qualified firms, selected two exceptional proposals, interviewed the respective firms and contacted references; and

WHEREAS, the firm Regional Government Services (RGS) was selected as the most suitable firm to assist the City with this important project; and

WHEREAS, a Professional Service Agreement ("Contract") between the City and RGS is attached, including the scope of work as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, per the Fort Bragg Municipal Code Section 3.20.040, decisions to award contracts in an amount greater than \$25,000 shall be made by Council resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby approve a Professional Services Agreement with Regional Government Services for the preparation of an Economic Development Feasibility Study, focused on the Mill Site and authorizes the City Manager to execute contract (amount not to exceed \$125,000; Account No. 330-6125-0731).

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Morsell-Haye, seconded by Councilmember Peters, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 8th day of March, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Albin-Smith, Morsell-Haye, Rafanan, Peters and Mayor Norvell.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
RECUSED: None.



BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:


for

 June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk