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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

July 15, 2016

TO: ASTORIA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

FROM: BRETT ESTES, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ASTOR WEST URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT – PLAN AMENDMENT STUDY
CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

At the March 21, 2016 Astoria Development Commission (ADC) meeting, staff was authorized to initiate procurement of a consultant to conduct a plan amendment study for the Astor West Urban Renewal Area (URA). This would be the first amendment for the URA that was established in 2002. The current ADC direction is to align multiple Council policy goals and establish a five year action plan for investing Astor West URA funds.

This study requires GIS mapping (city staff), analyzing the proposed boundary, developing project investments, conducting public outreach (city staff), financial analysis, legal review, and review by the Planning Commission and ADC. A final deliverable is a proposed boundary amendment that will assist in funding a retaining wall on Bond Street for two way traffic, limited traffic calming, and targeted housing improvements for blighted properties.

Attached is a contract with Elaine Howard who has assisted the ADC with similar proposals. The contract amount exceeds the City Manager procurement authority and requires ADC review and consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission execute the contract and initiate the plan amendment study.

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