

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 23

DATE: January 19, 1999

STAFF: Jim O'Neill

SUBJECT:

Resolution 99-3 Approving an Exemption to the Use of a Competitive Process for Facade Restorations of 210-218 Walnut Street and 251 Linden Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This request is for an exemption to the competitive process for University Designers and Builders and A-E Design Associates, P.C., as the contractors for the restorations of 210-218 Walnut Street (Silver Grill Buildings) and 251 Linden Street (north half of the Robertson/Haynes Block) in the Old Town Fort Collins Historic District.

The City of Fort Collins has been awarded a State Historical Fund grant in 1998 by the Colorado Historical Society. The purpose of the grant is to restore the street front facades and structurally stabilize the historic Silver Grill Buildings and north half of the Robertson/Haynes Block in Fort Collins.

BACKGROUND:

The building owners selected University Designers and Builders and A-E Design Associates, P.C. based on their exemplary recent restoration of the Trimble and Barkley Blocks in Fort Collins. The State Historical Fund encourages spin-off projects from their previous successful grant awards. Historic preservation is a specialized field that requires knowledge of historical construction and preservation engineering. Their restoration reputation with the State Historical Fund also was an added incentive for the project to receive the grant.

University Designers and Builders and A-E Design Associates, P.C. are uniquely qualified because of their experience, their motivation, and the quality of their previous preservation work in Fort Collins and throughout the state. They specialize in pure restoration and/or reconstruction from historic photo documentation. They have a thorough knowledge of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

The City is benefitting through the increased historic authenticity in the landmarked Old Town Fort Collins Historic District, by using University Designers and Builders and A-E Design Associates, P.C.

RESOLUTION 99-3
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING AN EXEMPTION TO THE USE OF A COMPETITIVE
PROCESS FOR FACADE RESTORATIONS OF 210-218 WALNUT STREET
AND 251 LINDEN STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$140,000 from the Colorado Historical Society's State Historical Fund which will be used to restore 210-218 Walnut Street and 251 Linden Street in the Old Town Fort Collins Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the building owners selected as contractors University Designers and Builders and A-E Design Associates, P.C., since they are uniquely qualified and specialize in pure restoration and/or reconstruction from historic photo documentation, having a thorough knowledge of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 8-160(d)(1)b of the Code of the City of Fort Collins authorizes the Purchasing Agent to contract for services without competition if, although there exists more than one (1) responsible source, a competitive process cannot be used or, if used, will result in a substantially higher cost to the city, will otherwise injure the city's financial interests, or will substantially impede the city's administrative functions or the delivery of services to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined that the purchase of restoration services from University Designers & Builders and A-E Design Associates, P.C., falls within the scope of this exception; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has submitted the requisite justification for said determination to the City Manager for approval; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has reviewed and approved the justification for this acquisition; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-160(d)(3) requires approval of this purchasing method by City Council for items costing more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) prior to acquisition.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to contract with University Designers and Builders and A-E Design Associates, P.C. for restorations of 210-218 Walnut Street and 251 Linden Street.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held this 19th day of January, A.D. 1999.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk