

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FINDINGS REQUIRED BY HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 33445 FOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOWER WEST DOWNTOWN STREET LIGHTING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Barbara is undertaking certain activities for the planning and execution of redevelopment projects in the Central City Redevelopment Project Area;

WHEREAS, the addition of street lighting to the Lower West Downtown pedestrian corridors will increase safety and add to the attractive environment of the Central City Redevelopment Project Area and the City of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency's funding of the Lower West Downtown Street Lighting Project will benefit the Central City Redevelopment Project Area by encouraging pedestrian and neighborhood activity in the project area, which increases the vitality of the project area by encouraging economic activity by residents and visitors, encouraging public and private improvements, and eliminating blight and the conditions that lead to blight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The proposed elements of the Lower West Downtown Street Lighting Project, to be funded by the Redevelopment Agency, are of benefit to the Central City Redevelopment Project area as the improvements will generate additional pedestrian activity by locals and tourists. An increase in these activities improves the vitality of the project area by encouraging economic activity by locals and visitors and will lead to additional public and private improvements, and thereby, eliminate blight and the conditions that lead to blight.

SECTION 2. No other reasonable means of financing street lighting improvements to the Lower West Downtown are available.

SECTION 3. The payment of funds for the publicly owned street lighting is consistent with the 2010 – 2014 City of Santa Barbara Central City Redevelopment Project Implementation Plan adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33490.

SECTION 4. The City Council authorizes the Public Works Director to execute a contract with Taft Electric Company, in their low bid amount of \$40,999, for construction of the Project- Brinkerhoff Phase and to approve expenditures of up to \$4,100, to cover any cost increases that may result from contract change orders for extra work and differences between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities measured for payment;

SECTION 5. The City Council further authorizes the General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Smith Engineering in the amount of \$2,500 for design support services during construction.