

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 33445.1 FOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE POLICE STATION RENOVATION PROJECT LOCATED OUTSIDE AND NOT CONTIGUOUS TO THE CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA 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 (“CCRP”);

WHEREAS, In order to meet the public safety needs of the residents, visitors and commercial activities occurring within the CCRP, the ageing and inadequate Police Station must be renovated;

WHEREAS, The Police Station is located outside and is not contiguous to the CCRP;

WHEREAS, Notice of the time and place for the public hearing held by the City Council to consider public comment regarding the use of tax increment for the Public Station Renovation project located outside of the CCRP was duly made and published in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 33679;

WHEREAS, A summary report concerning the use of tax increment to fund the Police Station Renovation project was prepared and distributed according to the requirements of Health and Safety Code Section 33679; and

WHEREAS, A Redevelopment Agency may, with the consent of the City Council, pay all or part of the cost of the installation and construction of the Police Station Renovation that is publicly owned and is located outside and not contiguous to the CCRP, but is located within the City of Santa Barbara, if the City Council holds a duly noticed public hearing and makes the findings set forth below.

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

SECTION 1. The Police Station Renovation is of primary benefit to the CCRP because the Police Station, located one-half of a block from the CCRP, provides all of the public safety services to the CCPR and most have the capacity to efficiently provide those services. The existing Police Station is ageing and inadequate to serve the public safety needs of the residents, visitors and businesses located within the CCRP. The CCRP has recently been impacted by an increase in youth violence. The Police Station must be renovated in order to efficiently address the increased public safety needs of the residents, visitors and businesses located within the CCRP.

SECTION 2. The Police Station Renovation will help eliminate blight within the CCRP by ensuring that adequate and efficient public safety is continually provided within the CCRP. Increasing the safety and security of residents, visitors and businesses within the CCRP will generate increased pedestrian, commercial and visitor activity within the CCRP which will lead to increased investment and the elimination of blight and the conditions that lead to blight in the CCRP..

SECTION 3. No other reasonable means of financing the Police Station Renovation is available to the community. Funds from general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, special assessment bonds are Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act bonds, are not available and the issuance of new debt by the City to finance the Police Station Renovation is not a feasible. The City, along with the state of California and federal government, is facing an economic crisis of historic proportions and is, therefore, unable to devote declining General Fund revenues to fund public improvements. Taxpayers, also suffering from record unemployment levels and increases to living costs, are unable and unwilling to increase taxes, even to finance necessary public safety improvements.

SECTION 4. The payment of funds for the Police Station Renovation is consistent with the Agency's 2010-2014 Implementation Plan adopted pursuant to Section 33490 which provides as follows:

“Police Department Building Renovations: Seismic and structural upgrades of the police station headquarters at 215 E. Figueroa Street. Interior remodeling would upgrade the locker and exercise rooms, install an emergency generator and new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and electrical system. This project will eliminate blight that begins with the degradation of infrastructure and will prevent blight by providing safe and well-maintained support facilities for emergency response within the Project Area.”

SECTION 5. The Police Station Renovation is provided for in the Agency's Redevelopment Plan. The Redevelopment Plan provides as follows:

“Section 415 Public Improvements: The Agency is authorized to cause, provide, or undertake, or to make provision with any person or public entity for the installation or construction of such public improvements and public utilities including placing said utilities underground either within or without the Project Area as are necessary to carry out this Plan. Such public improvements include, but are not limited to, streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, street lights, sewers, storm drains, traffic signals, street trees, electrical distribution systems, communications systems, natural gas distribution systems, water distribution systems, fire hydrants, parks and playgrounds and public buildings.”

The Redevelopment Plan specifically authorizes the Agency to provide for or undertake with any public entity for the installation or construction of public buildings outside the boundaries of the CCRP.

SECTION 6. The City Council has held a duly noticed public hearing and considered all public testimony regarding the use of tax increment to fund the Police Station Renovation project.

SECTION 7. The City Council authorizes the Public Works Director to execute a Professional Services contract with Coffman Engineers for engineering services in the amount of \$99,446 for Police Station seismic and structural analysis and to approve expenditures of up to \$10,000 for extra services that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.

SECTION 8. The City Council further authorizes the General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Paul Poirier and Associates Architects for building assessment services in the amount of \$19,800 and approve expenditures of up to \$2,000 for extra services that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.