

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	63126	<b>Agenda Number</b>	4.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 22, 2016
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<b>Department:</b>	Capital Contracting Office
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**Subject**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with OPTICOS DESIGN, INC., for additional architectural, urban design, planning, and engineering services for Phase III of the CodeNEXT, the Land Development Code revision project, in the amount of \$1,296,858 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,621,858.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Financial Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$144,327 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Planning and Zoning Department. Funding in the amount of \$602,531 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of the Planning and Zoning Department. Funding in the amount of \$300,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of the Planning and Zoning Department.

**Fiscal Note**

Fiscal notes are attached.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Original contract was awarded to Opticos Design, Inc. through the City's qualifications-based selection process.
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<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	<p>June 23, 2016 - Council authorized an amendment to the professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc. for CodeNEXT, the Comprehensive Land development Code revision project and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan project.</p> <p>November 20, 2014 – Council authorized an amendment to the professional services agreement for Phase 2 and the Airport Boulevard Form-Based Code Initiative.</p> <p>March 21, 2013 – Council authorized negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc.</p>
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<b>Boards and Commission</b>	
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<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation.

**Additional Backup Information**

The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan (“Plan”) was adopted by City Council in June 2012 and included a recommendation to revise the City’s development regulations to assist in the implementation of the Plan. In March 2013, City Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc. City Council authorized Phase 2 of this work (including work related to completion of the Airport Boulevard Form – Based Code Initiative) in November 2014 and in June 2016 Council approved additional Land Development Code-Related Services, including Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, Phase 2 as requested and approved by Council.

This item is a request for Council authorization to use various funding sources for Phase III of CodeNEXT which will produce a public release draft in January 2017 and begin a conceptual mapping approach.

Council action on the funding allocation does not in and of itself change the emerging draft. Rather, it sets funding sources for the CodeNEXT team to develop a public release draft and commence a 4-6 month public engagement period.

During this phase of the project the final content of the City Code will be drafted, and the consultant team will make recommendations about specific sections to retain, add, modify, or delete. The process is designed to allow for an extensive and iterative public review and discussion of the draft Code with all stakeholders anticipating a 4-6 month timeframe.

The consultant team will produce an initial *public review draft* of the Code in January 2017. This draft will be one that has been internally vetted by City staff in preparation to engage the public in review of the tools created. A conceptual mapping approach will also be developed to coincide with the release of the *public review draft* that will generally describe how mapping can be achieved based on recommendations from various policy tools such as the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and Neighborhood Plans. Both the draft text and the conceptual map will be presented to the public during the public review phase. Based on public input, the *public review draft* will be revised and the team will create an *adoption draft* to be considered by Council in late 2017.

The *adoption draft* of the new Land Development Code will note changes recommended by the Planning Commission and will be presented to City Council for formal consideration. Any additional changes initiated by City Council will be incorporated into a final version which is anticipated to be presented to City Council for adoption in the Fall of 2017.

Prior to final adoption on third reading of the text language and before the new Code is adopted, staff and the consultant team will present a new map based on zoning districts created by the new Code and will determine an approach as to how the staff recommends those new zoning districts will be applied to specific parcels of land.

This amendment has been approved by the City’s Change Control Committee. The Change Control Committee was established to comply with Council Resolution No. 20120126-048, which required the establishment of consistent criteria and process to evaluate contractual changes for all contracts administered by the Capital Contracting Office. The Change Control Committee is comprised of management-level subject matter experts.

Opticos Design, Inc. is located in Berkley, CA.