RESOLUTION NO. 54-2008

Adopted June 3, 2008

AUTHORIZING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LETTER AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO INCREASE THE BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $229,000, FOR A TOTAL AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $349,000, FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR ALLEYWAY IMPROVEMENTS; SOUTH OF MARKET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. In May 2007, the Agency and the San Francisco Department of Public Works ("DPW") entered into a letter agreement in an amount not to exceed $120,000 to develop a concept plan for an initial set of alleyway improvements in the South of Market Redevelopment Project Area (the "Project Area").

2. After several public workshops, the concept plan has been completed and approved by the South of Market Project Area Committee ("SOMPAC"). The concept plan, calls for a wide range of improvements to the alleyways, including raised crosswalks at intersections, special roadway paving, new trees and lighting, art enrichment, chicanes (i.e., alternating parking on either side of a one-way street), and a pedestrian plaza and speed table at the intersection of Minna and Russ Streets.

3. The Agency and DPW are ready to proceed to the next phase of the project, which will include producing construction documents for the alleyway improvements. Upon completion of the construction documents, the construction contract will be advertised and DPW will call for contractors’ bids.

4. DPW has submitted a fee proposal to perform the work for an amount not to exceed $229,000. Agency staff finds the proposal acceptable.

5. The Agency now desires to amend the Letter Agreement with DPW to increase the budget for design services.

6. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Sections 15262 and 15061(b)(3) approval of the First Amendment is exempt from CEQA review. The First Amendment will provide for the completion of the design and construction documents and will not directly have a significant effect on the environment. Similarly, the initiation of contractor selection by DPW staff will not cause a change in the physical environment. Subsequent actions of the Agency are required for construction to proceed.
RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Executive Director is authorized to amend the Letter Agreement with the Department of Public Works of the City and County of San Francisco to increase the budget by an amount not to exceed $229,000, for a total aggregate amount not to exceed $349,000, for design services for alleyway improvements, substantially in the form lodged with the Agency General Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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