

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2021

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE PREPARATION OF A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT (35%) TO ESTABLISH MUNICIPAL BROADBAND UTILITY SERVING FORT BRAGG AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,000; ACCOUNT NO. 110-4130-0319)

WHEREAS, the City is interested in establishing broadband connectivity that provides fast, reliable and affordable service to all Fort Bragg households and businesses; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2021 City Council received a presentation of the Fort Bragg Digital Infrastructure Plan 2021-2025; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the study was to explore the possibility of a City-owned Broadband Utility, including an evaluation of the financial cost and feasibility of a such a project; and

WHEREAS, staff was directed to seek grant opportunities and contract out for detailed design and entitlement work; and

WHEREAS, staff is seeking US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) investment dollars to help implement project; and

WHEREAS, EDA grant applications for construction projects require a Preliminary Engineering Report to at least 35%; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to utilize the services of an independent contractor to provide engineering services to develop a 35% Preliminary Engineering Report that can be utilized in EDA application and other grant proposals; and

WHEREAS, details of report are fully described in the scope of work, included herein as Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby approve a Professional Services Agreement for the preparation of a Preliminary Engineering Report to 35% and authorizes the City Manager to execute contract (amount not to exceed \$38,000; Account No.110-4130-0319).

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 22nd day of November, 2021, by the following vote:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- RECUSED:**

BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk