

RESOLUTION NO. 4684-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PALNI, INC FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO MUNICIPAL BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ASSOCIATED PROJECT MANAGEMENT, APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT 2022-18 AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$335,800.00; ACCOUNT NO. 426-4875-0310).

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded \$479,529.00 in grant funding from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) through the Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City requested these grant funds to complete pre-construction planning work associated with deployment of a municipal broadband utility serving residents, businesses, and visitors of the City of Fort Bragg; and

WHEREAS, the City circulated a Request for Proposals from qualified firms interested in contracting with the City to assist with this project; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the City timely received two proposals from qualified firms; and

WHEREAS, Palni, Inc. was selected as the most suitable firm to assist the City and a Professional Services Agreement (“Contract”) between the City and Palni, Inc. should be entered into, including the scope of work as Exhibit A to the Contract; and

WHEREAS, per the Fort Bragg Municipal Code Section 3.20.040, decisions to award contracts in an amount greater than \$25,000 shall be made by Council resolution; and

WHEREAS, based on all evidence presented the City Council finds as follows:

1. Palni, Inc. proposal meets the requirements of the City’s request for proposals.
2. Palni, Inc. has the expertise necessary to complete the proposed activities.
3. LATA grant program funding will cover all costs associated with proposed contract.
4. The adjustments to the FY 2022-23 budget have been identified, as shown in Attachment 4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Fort Bragg does hereby approve a Professional Services Agreement with Palni, Inc. for engineering and design services, as well as associated project management related to planning efforts to deploy a municipal broadband utility, amend the previously adopted FY 2022-23 Budget to incorporate the changes enumerated in Attachment 4, Budget Amendment 2022-18 and authorizes the City Manager to execute contract (amount not to exceed \$335,800.00; Account No. 426-4875-0310).

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Godeke, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of

the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 24th day of April 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Albin-Smith, Godeke, Rafanan and Mayor Norvell.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Peters.
RECUSED: None.



BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:



June Lemos, MMC
City Clerk

