

RESOLUTION NO. 4795-2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PALNI, INC
FOR BROADBAND ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES, AND
ASSOCIATED PROJECT MANAGEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING CITY
MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$24,052.00; ACCOUNT NO. 329-6134-0630).**

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, Council approved Resolution 4684-2023 selecting Palni, Inc. as the most suitable firm to contract with the City for planning work related to establishing a municipal broadband utility; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Mile Joint Design/Build with California Department of Technology has created additional workload not considered in the original budget; and

WHEREAS, the original contract inadvertently expired and a new contract is necessary to increase the contract amount for Middle Mile Joint Design/Build expenses; and

WHEREAS, per the Fort Bragg Municipal Code Section 3.20.050, the City Manager's signing authority for change orders may not exceed 10% of the approved contract amount; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Fort Bragg does hereby approve a Professional Service 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, and authorizes the City Manager to execute contract (amount not to exceed \$24,052.00; Account No. 329-6134-0630).

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Peters, seconded by Albin-Smith, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of

the City of Fort Bragg held on the 28th day of May, 2024, by the following vote:

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

BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Sanchez
City Clerk