



Legislation Text

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Approve Scope of Work for Engineering Services - Analysis Related to Engineering Concept and Cost Specifications for Establishment of Ocean Water Intake/Discharge Infrastructure to Facilitate Economic Development on Former Mill Site

The City's recent economic development planning activities funded by a U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Association investment, has identified several potential opportunities within the emerging "Blue Economy" sector. The Blue Economy is about the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods and jobs, and a healthy marine ecosystem. It is an innovative sector, focused on ocean resiliency and could be a turning point for setting economic priorities for reuse of the former Mill Site.

Construction of ocean water intake/discharge infrastructure could facilitate marine education, research and aquaculture development on the Mill Site. In order to better understand engineering concepts and cost specifications related to establishing such infrastructure, the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee (Vice Mayor Morsell-Haye; Councilmember Albin-Smith; Planning Commission Chair Logan; and Planning Commission Vice Chair Andreis) recommend City Council consider revising the scope of work associated with an existing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) planning grant.

The City applied for, and was awarded \$100,000 of CDBG funds for a "Capacity of City Services Study" to facilitate re-use of the Mill Site. The Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee recommends instead to solicit proposals from qualified engineers for an "Analysis Related to Engineering Specifications and Cost Estimates for Establishment of Ocean Water Intake/Discharge Infrastructure" to facilitate re-use of the Mill Site. Please see attached scope of work for details.