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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council, Mayor Hanks

FROM: Robert Ellis, Acting Public Works Director

SUBJECT: 6th Street Parking Ramp Design Service

DATE: February 26, 2008

Public Works Staff is requesting authorization to negotiate a professional services agreement for the design of a third level on the existing 6th Street parking ramp structure with Lund Associates and/or Albertson Engineering, the architectural and structural engineering firms that were originally selected to complete the design. Staff feels negotiating a contract with the firms that were previously selected to design the parking ramp is in the best interest of the City. Reasons supporting this request are listed below:

- 1) They were originally selected in accordance with the consultant selection policy.
- 2) They were directed by the City to provide a design that in the future could be amended to allow a third level of parking. This ramp expansion could be considered the second phase of this project.
- 3) They have already completed a great deal of the necessary design drawings and structural engineering analysis needed to accomplish this work and as a result there will be significant time and cost savings in contracting with them.
- 4) Other firms may be reluctant to take on the risk of designing a third level without having first analyzed the existing structure in great detail themselves.
- 5) They have intimate knowledge of this structure and understand assumptions made in design, reasons for design components, and strengths and weaknesses of the structure. This knowledge should give the City a high quality product.



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