



AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Laurel O'Halloran, Associate Planner

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a master reimbursement agreement with Holman Building Associates

CEQA: Does not Constitute a "Project" per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a reimbursement agreement with Holman Building Associates, to cover costs of the preparation and management of an Initial Study.

DISCUSSION

On March 14, 2016, RRM Design Group, representing the Holman Building Associates, applied for an Architectural Permit and a Use Permit for a hotel use at 157 Grand Ave. The site is located on the Holman Block which is in the C-1-T Zoning District. A hotel use is a permitted use in the C-1-T Zoning District. The application contemplates demolition of the existing structure determined not to be historic and the construction of a new 125 room Hotel, which could be considered a significant impact under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and therefore requires the preparation of an Initial Study.

The Holman Building Associates have offered to reimburse the City for the costs of the consultant-prepared Initial Study Report. The proposed reimbursement agreement is structured to ensure City independence throughout the effort, as the City alone decides on the scope of activities to be undertaken and the discretion to be exercised.

This action is not a project under section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, set forth in California Administrative Code, Title 14, Section 15000, et seq.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. The cost burden for the environmental planning will be borne by the hotel project applicant.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

REVIEWED BY;

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