SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, NELSON BUILDING

SOURCE: Department of Parks and Leisure Services

COMMENT: Based on the Nelson Building Task Force recommendation of studying the feasibility of converting an existing un-reinforced brick masonry building into a community meeting room, an opinion is sought on architectural and structural engineering issues. To accomplish this opinion, it is recommended that a consultant be hired to produce a comprehensive recommendation on the status of the building that will outline two phases.

The Phase I objective will be to provide a preliminary professional opinion of the feasibility of the project from a functional architectural and building code perspective. This will be based on relevant applicable non-structural Building Code issues such as occupancy requirements, general exiting issues, building type, and construction type. A determination will be made concerning structural seismic issues that need to be addressed. A written report consisting of findings, conclusions and recommendations will be completed.

The Phase II objective will provide a professional opinion about the structural adequacy of the building to resist seismic forces and the probable upgrade required. Site visits will be made by the structural engineer to make a visual observation and gather relevant information; and to write and submit a written report. The report will consist of findings, conclusions and recommendations.

To accomplish the needed study, staff is recommending the firm of Teter Consultants, Engineers and Architects from Visalia. Teter Consultants have recently completed the structural footing and underpinning project at the City of Porterville Public Library and did a very comprehensive job. The proposed cost for Phase I is $2,000, and Phase II is $2,000, for a total of $4,000.

It is further recommended that Funding for this project come from Park Development Fees which the City Council approved for the Sports Complex, and which remain available if reallocated.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Award a contract with Teter Consultants for Architectural and Engineering Services for the feasibility of the Nelson Building for public use for $4,000, with a 10% contingency; and

2. Approve the use of Park Development Funds previously approved for the Sports Complex; and

3. Authorize the Mayor to sign contract documents on behalf of the City.