



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Purchase permit/project tracking software and approve agreement with Sierra Computer Systems for professional services and appropriate \$54,909.70 for the project

MEETING DATE: September 17, 1997

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: City Council authorize the purchase of permit/project tracking software and professional services agreement with Sierra Computer Systems and appropriate \$54,909.70 for the project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The current computer program being used by the Building Division was purchased in 1985 from Northern California Systems (NCS). The program was designed to run on computer hardware which is now five generations removed from the current system. Over the course of the last ten years, the software has been modified but still is not capable of providing the full permit and project tracking foundation available in the market today. Further upgrades to this system would require the hiring of a programmer to essentially rewrite the software.

The staff in the Community Development Department as well as the Information Systems Coordinator, have been tracking the various software vendors and their products for the past five years. In that time, the "PERMITS plus" software developed by Sierra Computer Systems of Visalia, has proven itself to be the industry leader. Coincidentally, this is the same software that I am familiar with from the City of Brea.

The benefits of this software include its ease of use for the variety of people who will use it. This is a Windows based program that is fully compatible with our other personal computer based software. Further, this software can be added to the other development related departments to fully integrate the services provided. The Public Works Engineering Division will be working with the Community Development Department to integrate their development review process with this program. Information regarding the software is attached.

FUNDING: The Community Development Department encumbered \$11,709.70 from the 1996-1997 budget carryover. The balance of \$43,200 has been budgeted in the 1997-1998 Capital Improvement Budget. The total cost of this request is \$54,909.70 which includes software, training, professional services and contingencies.

Funding Available: Vicky McAthie
Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

Konrad Bartlam
Community Development Director

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Attachment

APPROVED:

H. Dixon Flynn
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 97-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PURCHASE/PERMIT/PROJECT TRACKING SOFTWARE AND APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH SIERRA COMPUTER SYSTEMS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATE FUNSD TO COVER THIS PROJECT

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WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code, Section 3.20.070, authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services or equipment when it is in the best interests of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the computer program being used by the Building Division was purchased in 1985 from Northern California Systems, and the program was designed to run on computer hardware which is now five generations removed from the current system; and

WHEREAS, over the past ten years, software has been modified but still is not capable of providing the full permit and project tracking foundation available in the market today, and further upgrades to this system would require the hiring of a programmer to essentially rewrite the software; and

WHEREAS, staff has tracked the various software vendors and their products for the past five years, and in that time the "PERMITS plus" software developed by Sierra Computer Systems of Visalia has proven itself to be the industry leader.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby approves the purchase of Purchase Permit/Project Tracking Software, and further approves the agreement with Sierra Computer Systems for professional services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$54,909.70 be appropriated as follows to cover this project:

Community Development Dept. 1996-97 Budget Carryover	\$11,709.70
1997/98 Capital Improvement Budget	\$43,200.00

Dated: September 17, 1997

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 97-139 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held September 17, 1997, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk