

PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF
THE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2018, by Resolution No. 2018-380, Council established a list of projects to be funded with Measure L tax proceeds in Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and

WHEREAS, the established list of projects allocated \$210,000 for the Downtown Master Plan project, and

WHEREAS, staff distributed a Request for Proposals in late 2018, which resulted in eleven (11) responsive proposals being submitted and the top five (5) firms being interviewed, and

WHEREAS, after interviews with the top five consulting firms based on review of the proposals received, the consultant selection committee unanimously determined that Opticos Design, Inc., was the best qualified firm to prepare the Downtown Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2019, the City Council by Resolution No. 2019-229, approved an Agreement for Professional Services with Opticos Design, Inc., to prepare the Downtown Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Opticos Design, Inc., has since performed the tasks identified in the approved scope of work, including public outreach and preparation of the Downtown Master Plan work product and deliverables; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Master Plan has been developed through a public process which began in July 2019, as further described in the August 3, 2020, staff report for this resolution, incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Master Plan is consistent with the City of Modesto Urban Area General Plan, and the applicable zoning designations and requirements for the Downtown area that are set forth in the City's zoning code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Modesto Planning Commission that it hereby recommends that the proposed Downtown Master Plan as described in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated by reference, be approved by the Modesto City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed Downtown Master Plan is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at the regular meeting of the Planning Commission held on August 3, 2020, by Vohra, who moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Shanks, and carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Birring, Escutia-Braaton, Pollard, Shanks, Smith, Vohra
Noes: None
Absent: Morad
Recused: None

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MODESTO.

Original, signed copy on file in CEDD
Steve Mitchell, Secretary

Attachment (Exhibit "A")