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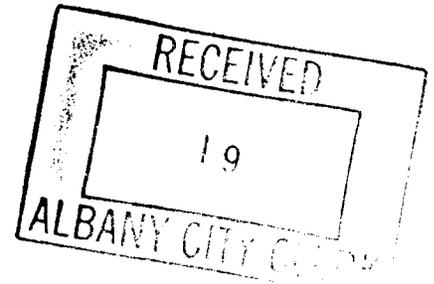
Dear Mayor Lieber and Members of the City Council,

The Arts Committee respectfully requests that the Council provide for the inclusion of public art in the upcoming remodel of City Hall in a way that honors the intent of the recently passed Art in Public Places ordinance and policy. The Committee feels it is important that the City demonstrate leadership in applying the ordinance to the first major City construction project undertaken after the ordinance's adoption and that the City's residents enjoy public art in the city's main government building.

Sincerely,

Peter Goodman, Chair
Albany Arts Committee

cc: Beth Pollard



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7-1. Art in Public Places Fund

City Administrator Pollard reported on the City’s Arts Committee’s progress in developing an ordinance amending the planning and zoning provisions of the Municipal Code to include regulations for an art in public places program.

Council Member Okawachi asked how the 1.75 percent figure was arrived at. City Administrator Pollard stated the Arts Committee made the determination.

Mayor Lieber had hoped the ordinance would have been in place prior to the Civic Center improvements. City Administrator confirmed the City would still be able to put funds toward public art. Mayor Lieber wanted to model the behavior by contributing a minimum of 1%.

Council Member Wile wondered whether there could be a similar funding vehicle for sidewalk repair or other City needs. Mayor Lieber noted that some cities require sidewalk repair on sales of properties.

Council Member Okawachi did not oppose fudging public art, but did not want to lose details of the Civic Center project such as the solar panels.

Mayor Lieber moved bringing back a resolution for 1 percent on the Civic Center project. Council Member Wile was concerned that the money might not be there. Council Member Javandel was concerned about taking funds away form parts of the project that had already been voted on. Council Member Atkinson noted that construction costs multiply. Mayor Lieber withdrew his motion.

7-2. Public Safety/Civic Center Project.

City Administrator Pollard reported that the City was ready to go out for bid on this project. Janet Tam, Noll and Tam Architects, detailed the project. She noted the plans were in for the second round of Building Department plan check.

There was a discussion among staff and Council Members regarding the possibility of receiving LEED certification for the project. While striving to meet the levels that would be required, formal certification was not certain at this time, because there are no credits for such things as using existing structures and not installing air conditioning.

There was a discussion about incentivising on time and on budget. Project Manager Whittaker suggested that on budget would be of significantly more value than on time, because the costs of staying out of the buildings were not great.

MOTION:

It was moved by Council Member Javandel and seconded by Council Member Okawachi to 1) approve the plans and authorize staff to call for bids for the seismic retrofitting of the Civic Center buildings, and additions and renovations to the Fire and Police Department buildings, Contract C07-14; and 2) approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with Noll and Tam, Architects.

AYES: Council Members Atkinson, Javandel, Okawachi, Wile, & Mayor Lieber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried and so ordered.