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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council through City Manager

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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Grindline Skateparks, Inc. for the Skate Park Design and Site Analysis Project, and Finding This Action is Not a “Project” Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Grindline Skateparks, Inc. for the Skate Park Design and Site Analysis Project, and Finding This Action is Not a “Project” Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

### **BACKGROUND**

The Petaluma Skate Park (Skate Park), located adjacent to the Petaluma Swim Center near E. Washington and Johnson Streets, was constructed in 1997 and remains one of the oldest active skate parks in California. The Skate Park is the only dedicated public facility designed for skateboarding and provides an important recreational space that fosters active lifestyles, especially for the community’s youth. As the sport of skating continues to evolve, the existing Skate Park facility lacks elements that would encourage participation and skills progression from a broader range of ages, ability levels, and user groups, as well as many standard park amenities including shade, seating, drinking fountains, restrooms, universal signage, lighting, and an accessible entrance.

The project has been identified as a high priority for future investment originating from feedback received during several community workshops and public meetings including the City Council Goals and Priorities Workshop, Sonoma County Measure M – Parks for All discussions at the Recreation, Music, and Parks Commission, and during discussions on American Rescue Plan Act investments. As detailed below, it was included in the FY 2021-23 Council Goals and Priorities (#225) and adopted in the FY 22/23 Capital Improvement Budget (#C14402215).

The scope of work includes facilitating a significant community outreach and engagement effort to best inform a redesign of the existing Skate Park and a site/feasibility assessment for an additional skate park. A consultant will be retained for this work and will assist staff with stakeholder engagement and community outreach. The project phase will be funded by Sonoma County Measure M – Parks for All, which was approved by Sonoma County voters in 2018 and prioritizes maintaining and increasing access to local parks and play spaces.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Public Outreach & Conceptual Design Service for Retrofitting the Existing Skate Park and Evaluating Alternate Sites for New Skate Park Facilities on April 21, 2022. On May 12, 2022, two proposals were received. The two firms were interviewed, and staff selected Grindline Skateparks, Inc.(Grindline).

Grindline is a world-class skate park designer and construction company with a diverse portfolio of designs around the world. Grindline has successfully completed several complex public and private sector skate park projects.

Design is planned to take place from January 2023 through June 2023. The project is expected to have minimal impacts on the operation of the existing skatepark during the design phase.

Grindline is expected to perform a single survey at the existing skate park and eventual construction services are outside the scope of work of this agreement.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

This agenda item appeared on the City’s tentative agenda document on November 21, 2022, which was a publicly noticed meeting.

The redesign of the existing skatepark will be community-driven. Grindline will coordinate with staff and provide outreach materials to be shared through a variety of mediums. The public will be engaged through four community meetings:

- **Community Meeting #1:** Introduce Grindline and the project; collect feedback to assist with the preparation of preliminary design concepts.
- **Community Meeting #2:** Summarize community feedback received at Community Meeting #1, provide a summary of the site/feasibility assessment, and present and seek feedback on preliminary designs.
- **Community Meeting #3:** Present and seek feedback on the updated design.
- **Community Meeting #4:** Present the final design and schedule.

## **COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT**

The proposed action meets the following Council Workplan Items: #93 - Create and promote multi-cultural and multi-generational recreation and wellness programs that support community connection, physical well-being, and opportunities for play. Focus on public health in planning

processes—including air quality, walkability, childcare incorporated into larger developments, including revisiting zoning around sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, health care facilities). #98 - Create more diverse recreational, social, and cultural opportunities for youth. #116 - Maximize use of current parks and recreation infrastructure, and other City-owned facilities and properties for the hosting of recreational, sports, cultural, and entertainment events that attract visitors to Petaluma. #225 - Execute contract for skatepark community outreach and complete re-design.

## **CLIMATE ACTION/SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS**

The proposed action meets the following Climate Action Framework goals:

- Maximize opportunities for all residents to live in clean and healthy environments that protect against the impacts of climate change and environmental pollutants, including equitable access to parks and open space.

The project will employ a climate mitigation, sequestration, and resilience lens, looking for opportunities to:

- Improve the Skate Park’s resilience against climate change-related impacts, such as extreme heat and precipitation.
- Consider accessibility by transit, walking, bicycling, skating, etc. (and thus, minimizing greenhouse gas emissions from transportation) as part of the site analysis.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The Skate Park Design and Site Analysis project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to Article 5, Section 15060(c), of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”), because the project will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and therefore is not a “project” as defined in Section 15378. Further CEQA analysis will be conducted once the City selects a design and commences construction of the design.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

The attached Professional Services Agreement for engineering and design services is in the amount not to exceed \$87,560.00. This will be fully funded through Sonoma County Measure M – Parks for All, of which the City has \$150,000.00 in available funding for this project.

The total approved budget for the Skate Park Design and Site Analysis Project is \$463,000 (All Phases), as shown in the FY 2022/2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget. The following is a breakdown of the approved budget for the current fiscal year 22-23 and the Approved Total project budget:

Itemized Budget	Approved FY 22/23	Approved Total
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<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>CIP Budget (Current Phase)</b>	<b>Project Budget (All Phases)</b>
<b>Uses</b>		
Planning/Environmental	\$150,000	\$150,000
Land & Easements	\$ 0	\$ 0
Design	\$ 0	\$ 0
Legal Services	\$ 0	\$ 0
Administration	\$ 0	\$ 0
Construction Contracts	\$ 0	\$313,000
Construction Management	\$ 0	\$ 0
CIP Overheads	\$ 0	\$ 0
Contingency	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$463,000</b>

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Approved</b>
	<b>22/23</b>	<b>Total CIP Budget</b>
Sonoma County Measure M – Parks for All	\$150,000	\$150,000
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	\$ 0	\$313,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$463,000</b>

### **ALTERNATIVES**

If the Council does not authorize the attached Resolution, the Petaluma Skate Park will not be redesigned and a site analysis for an additional skate park will not be conducted at this time.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution
2. Professional Services Agreement