TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS
DATE: JULY 1, 2002 CMR:312:02
SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO VON KOHORN & KITZMILLER IN THE AMOUNT OF $100,690 FOR GRAPHICS AND SIGNAGE FOR THE DOWNTOWN PARKING STRUCTURES (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT 19530)

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract (Attachment A) with Von Kohorn & Kitzmiller in the amount of $100,690 for fabrication and installation of artwork and signage for the Lot R and Lot S/L parking structures.

2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute one or more change orders to the contract with Von Kohorn & Kitzmiller for related, additional but unforeseen work which may develop during the project, the total value of which shall not exceed $10,069.

DISCUSSION
Project Description
On April 15, 2002, Council approved a contract for the construction of two new parking structures in the downtown area (CMR:217:02). One garage will be located at Lot R (south of University Avenue, between High and Alma) and the second garage will be at Lot S/L (between Bryant/Florence, south of Lytton Avenue). Construction on the garages has begun and will be complete in the fall of 2003. Public art, in the form of graphics, was included in the design of both garages.

Selection Process
The artist, Sam Schmidt, was recommended by the Parking Study Group (PSG) which was established in order to streamline the design effort. A representative from the Public Art Commission was part of the PSG, along with Architectural Review Board, Planning Commission representatives, local developers and merchants. The artwork concept was approved by Council on November 27, 2000 (CMR:428:00) and was included in the project design. The contract with Von Kohorn & Kitzmiller will provide for the manufacture and
installation of the project’s directional signage and graphics artwork, as well as for liaison with the project artist. The artist and architect had been working with Von Kohorn & Kitzmiller during the design phase in order to ensure that graphics could be produced within the project budget and that the connections were of a type suitable for installation in the garages. Since the artist had this working relationship already established, Von Kohorn & Kitzmiller was selected as a sole-source graphics provider.

RESOURCE IMPACT
Funding for the manufacture and installation of the signage and graphics is included in Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project 19530 within the $45.9 million assessment.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
Approval of the contract and contract amendment are consistent with existing City policies.

TIME LINE
Construction on the garages has begun. Lot R is expected to be completed in May 2003 and Lot S/L in November 2003. These dates could be extended due to weather, soil contamination, or other unforeseen conditions that might delay construction.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
An Environmental Impact Report was prepared as part of the PC zoning application and was certified by Council on December 20, 1999.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment A: Contract

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