



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation requests an extension to the Department of Development's contract with Olga Ziemska for completion of the Parsons Avenue public art project, *A Thousand Eyes*. Council approval is sought to extend the contract expiration term a second time (first extension authorized by Ord. 3264-2018). The original contract was initially authorized by Ord. 2001-2014. The second extension is requested through August 31, 2020. The art project had delays and has undergone redesign. The project received final approval by the Columbus Art Commission on July 23, 2019. The proposal is supported by the Olde Towne East Neighborhood Association (OTENA) and the Near East Area Commission (NEAC). The artwork is substantially fabricated with installation expected by early summer 2020. The contract with Ziemska expires on December 31, 2019.

Columbus Public Art Program, in cooperation with the Columbus Department of Public Service (DPS), is integrating public art into a section of Parsons Avenue between Broad and Oak Streets. This portion of Parsons Avenue underwent improvements as part of ODOT's project to redesign the downtown portions of I-70 and I-71. Following a state-wide call for artists, Olga Ziemska was selected by an artist advisory panel and was approved by the Columbus Art Commission (CAC). On 9/17/14 Council authorized the Director of Development to enter into contract with the Ziemska and an expenditure of \$101,000 for the art budget (Ord. #2001-2014).

Emergency action is requested so program activities can be completed without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

To authorize the Director of Development to extend, for a second time, the term of contract with artist, Olga Ziemska (Ord. #2001-2014), for an additional eight months to complete fabrication and installation of the artwork, *A Thousand Eyes*, on Parsons Avenue; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Art Commission gave the art proposal final design and placement approval on July 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the art proposal, *A Thousand Eyes*, received support from the Near East Area Commission and the Olde Town East Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, the contract term with Olga Ziemska expires December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the contract needs to be extended by eight months to allow the artist time to complete artwork fabrication and installation; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development desires to extend the contract EL016413 with Ziemska by eight months to complete artwork fabrication and installation;

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development and it is immediately necessary for the Director of Development to extend the contract with Olga Ziemska past the December 31, 2019 expiration date and amend the contract Scope of Services so program activities can be completed without interruption;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Development is hereby authorized to amend the Scope of Services of contract EL016413 (Ord. # 2001-2014) for a second time with Olga Ziemska and extend the term of this contract by a period of eight months.

SECTION 2. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.