ITEM NO. 10

STAFF REPORT

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: January 5, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION RENAMING THE BENET ROAD BRIDGE TO JACK CASSAN BRIDGE**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution renaming the Benet Road Bridge to Jack Cassan Bridge.

BACKGROUND

During the City Council meeting of November 3, 2010, staff was directed to prepare a resolution to rename Benet Road Bridge to Jack Cassan Bridge. This action honors the late John "Jack" Cassan, a longtime resident of Oceanside. Mr. Cassan, who owned J.F. Cassan Auto Wrecking on Airport Road, was well known throughout the community for his significant philanthropy as well as his antique car collection.

Born in Pomona, he grew up on Freeman Street and graduated from Oceanside High School in 1943. Mr. Cassan served in the Navy as a seaman aboard the USS Yorktown before attending MiraCosta College. He later participated on the City's Planning Commission for many years having a vital role in the development of Oceanside Harbor. He was among those who pushed for a flood control channel along the San Luis Rey River in the early 1970s. At the time, there was no bridge across the river as there is now leading to the Prince of Peace Abbey.

ANALYSIS

Jack Cassan is widely remembered for building a bridge out of railroad flat cars when a crossing washed out in the San Luis Rey River. This crossing linked both his property and the Prince of Peace Abbey on the north side of the river with the rest of Oceanside. The bridge, known as "Cassan's Crossing" and still called that today by longtime Oceanside residents, was replaced in 1997 when the City built the Benet Road bridge.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the new roadway signage and bridge plaque is approximately $2,000 and will be funded from the Public Works Traffic Control System Maintenance Budget (Fund # 640621101.5355).

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION REPORT

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution renaming the Benet Road Bridge to Jack Cassan Bridge.

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City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE RENAMING BENET ROAD BRIDGE TO JACK CASSAN BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside desires to rename the Benet Road Bridge to Jack Cassan Bridge;

WHEREAS, this action honors the late John "Jack" Cassan, a longtime resident of Oceanside well known throughout the community for his significant philanthropy;

WHEREAS, Mr. Cassan participated on the City's Planning Commission for many years and was also instrumental in the development of the Oceanside Harbor and in preserving the Oceanside Municipal Airport;

WHEREAS, Mr. Cassan is widely remembered for building a bridge out of railroad flat cars when a crossing washed out in the San Luis Rey River linking both his property and the Prince of Peace Abbey on the north side of the river with the rest of Oceanside; and,

WHEREAS, the bridge, known as "Cassan's Crossing" is still called that today by longtime Oceanside residents, was replaced in 1997 when the City built the Benet Road Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

1. That the recitals stated herein and above are true and correct.

2. That the Public Works Department shall proceed to change the name of the Benet Road Bridge to reflect the new name of Jack Cassan Bridge.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside California, this _____ day of _____, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY