

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 11

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: November 12, 2008

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Neighborhood Services Department

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE OF MISSION AVENUE FROM COAST HIGHWAY TO CLEVELAND STREET FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 8 P.M. DECEMBER 4, 2008, FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT THE REGAL CINEMA PLAZA**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a temporary street closure of Mission Avenue from Coast Highway to Cleveland Street from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on December 4, 2008, for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Regal Cinema Plaza.

BACKGROUND

Last year, the Parks and Recreation Division and Economic Development Department developed the first annual Holiday Tree Lighting event. The Tree Lighting event was developed to kick off the Holiday Season in downtown Oceanside. Last year's event included kids crafts and hot chocolate. Over 500 participants attended the event.

ANALYSIS

Consistent with City Council direction from the May 15, 2004, Special Events Workshop, all major street closure requests require City Council approval. Due to the large crowd at last year's Tree Lighting event, the Special Events Committee is recommending a temporary street closure to safely accommodate participants and activities. Due to the Tree Lighting event being held in conjunction with the evening "Sunset Market", it is anticipated that participation will continue to increase. A traffic plan has been developed by the Traffic Engineering Division and traffic equipment will be installed by City traffic control staff. All surrounding businesses will be notified of the closure prior to the event.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact has been identified for this event. Funding for this event is budgeted within the respective departments.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION REPORT

While the Special Events Committee does not have discretionary authority to close major arterial roadways, the Committee has reviewed this event application and recommends the street closure.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The California Vehicle Code authorizes the temporary closure of a public street for local special events, when, in the opinion of the local authorities, the closing is necessary for the safety and protection of the public who will be using the portion of street during the temporary closing.

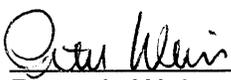
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