

# STAFF REPORT



# ITEM NO. 8 CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: December 5, 2007

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE LIBBY LAKE PARK LIGHTING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY ENGINEER TO CALL FOR BIDS**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve plans and specifications for the Libby Lake Park Lighting Project located at 500 Calle Montecito, and authorize the City Engineer to call for bids.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City Council approved the Calle Montecito Neighborhood Revitalization Plan in 1998 and began a concerted effort to improve infrastructure, public safety, social and City services in the Libby Lake neighborhood. One component of the Plan was to improve the facilities at Libby Lake Park, including new park playground and picnic areas, improved restroom facilities, renovated landscaping and other improvements. Community residents requested that new lighting be installed in the park, both to increase the time that residents could make use of the park and to reduce the potential for criminal activity in the area. The lighting project was added as one of the final components of the Revitalization Plan.

The City Council approved an allocation of 2004-05 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for a variety of improvements in the neighborhood as part of the Revitalization Plan; approximately \$20,000 was used for planning and design of lighting in the Park. The City Council approved an allocation of \$162,000 of 2006-07 CDBG funds to complete the lighting project and added the activity to the City's 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan, which guides use of CDBG funds.

## **ANALYSIS**

Development of this project will consist of 15 new light poles located along the perimeter of Libby Lake. Each of the proposed light poles will operate with a high pressure sodium lamp, which is considered to be energy-efficient, reliable, long-lived, and requiring low maintenance. The lamp housing selected is a unique design with a bell-shaped reflector shade and elegant mounting arm. Each of these lighting fixture

components will be mounted to a lamp post that consists of a fluted tapered pole connected to a decorative base. The architecturally designed fixtures and poles will contribute to the aesthetic enhancements already made to the park as part of the Revitalization Plan.

Trenching of the electrical conduit lines will be primarily along the perimeter of the lake. Any trenching activities that will traverse or have the potential to disturb existing irrigation facilities, tree roots, and/or concrete structures will require the boring of the conduit. Several antiquated flood lights, poles, wires, and associated parts will be removed as part of this project. All remaining existing developments at Libby Lake Park will be protected in place during construction.

In addition to aesthetic contributions to the park, the exterior lighting system will extend park use during evening hours and provide a form of passive security.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The project account has \$188,669 available for the Libby Lake Park Lighting project in the Calle Montecito Revitalization account (237.298768) in a carry forward from FY 06-07. The estimated cost of construction is \$163,268. Therefore, there are sufficient funds available to complete this project.

### **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

### **COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

Does not apply.

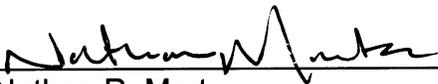
### **CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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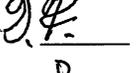
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