



DATE: March 17, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ROCKLEDGE ALLEY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve plans and specifications for the Rockledge Alley Improvement project located between Rockledge Street and Brooks Street, and authorize the City Engineer to call for bids.

BACKGROUND

As part of a Capital Improvement Project, the City of Oceanside proposes to improve an existing public dirt alley road located between Rockledge Street and Brooks Street. During rainstorms, the alley becomes very muddy and difficult to drive on due to poor soil drainage characteristics and lack of a stormwater drainage system. Residents along the alley have expressed concerns about stormwater runoff from the alley coming onto their property and the safety issues associated with driving in muddy conditions. Alley usage is primarily from residents using the alley to access their garages, with the occasional waste disposal vehicle servicing the area.

ANALYSIS

This project will pave approximately 340 feet of the existing 20-foot wide unpaved alley. A four-foot wide pervious ribbon gutter and perforated underdrain pipe, located along the center of the alley, will be constructed to address stormwater and water quality requirements.

An existing waterline located in the alley will also be replaced as part of this project. During the design phase of the project, it was determined that the existing waterline pipe is made of a brittle material and located at a shallow depth. Given that the proposed construction activities would expose and damage the existing fragile waterline and that protection of this waterline would be a difficult task, the replacement of this waterline with that of a more durable material and located at a deeper burial depth proved to be a more viable solution.

FISCAL IMPACT

Project funding is available in Street Restoration account 902754200212, which has a current unallocated balance of \$4,679,000. In that same business unit, \$2,830,000 is committed to the annual street overlay contract, which is currently underway.

The total estimated cost of construction, project management, and inspection is \$161,700. Therefore, there are sufficient funds available to complete this project.

CITY ATTORNEY’S ANALYSIS

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

RECOMMENDATION

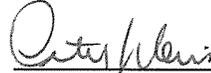
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