

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 6

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: April 18, 2007

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE BUDDY TODD PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY ENGINEER TO CALL FOR BIDS**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the plans and specifications for the Buddy Todd Park Improvement Project Phase I located at 3000 Mesa Drive, and authorize the City Engineer to call for bids.

BACKGROUND

The 19-acre Buddy Todd Park is one of the oldest parks in the City's park system and one of the most picturesque, with panoramic views of the San Luis Rey Valley and the Pacific Ocean framed by magnificent trees. Developed in 1929 and dedicated in 1946 in memory of the first Oceanside resident killed in World War II, the park has a special place in Oceanside's history. In addition to providing a place for the community to recreate and enjoy coastal views, the hilltop park was once the backbone of the City's water system, serving as a primary site for a 5-million-gallon-capacity water reservoir. The open-faced, oval-shaped storage basin constructed in 1929 stored and delivered groundwater from the San Luis Rey River which served residents and businesses within the downtown area of the City.

In 2003, the Water Utilities Department removed the water reservoir from the park site, which has added approximately 2.5 acres of usable undeveloped space. The surrounding neighborhood as well as the community at large eagerly awaits the redevelopment of the former reservoir site.

On August 17, 2005, City Council approved the conceptual design and gave direction to staff to meet with the Loma Alta Neighborhood Association. Staff met with the Loma Alta Neighborhood Association two additional times to address traffic concerns.

On November 9, 2005, City Council approved a professional services agreement for final design and engineering of the proposed park improvements at Buddy Todd Park.

ANALYSIS

The proposed Buddy Todd Park Improvements Phase I will include a new centralized parking lot, park access, landscape improvements and elimination of the park loop road. The new parking lot will allow direct access to the restroom building, accommodate 74 spaces and include lighting. The old reservoir location will be improved with irrigation, turf, shrubs and trees.

The balance of the project, through completion, is scheduled as follows:

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| Bid Opening | June | 07 |
| Award of Contract | July | 07 |
| Begin Construction | August | 07 |
| Complete Construction | December | 07 |

Phase II

The second phase of improvements includes:

- Interior walkway and park lighting
- Expanded interior park walkways
- Group picnic areas and amenities
- Group picnic shade structures

Interior walkway and park lighting was recommended by the neighborhood and received support from the group. The cost for the lighting is estimated at \$290,000.

Phase II - Estimated construction cost - \$956,000

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 2006-07 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for the Buddy Todd Park Improvement Project Phase I (598.844021) is \$1,295,881. This includes a contribution from Proposition 12 (RZH) of \$468,191 and a contribution from the Water Utilities Department of approximately \$250,000 to assist in the restoration of the old reservoir site. The estimated cost of construction is \$1,428,794. As part of the upcoming FY 2007-08 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) \$190,000 will be allocated from the unallocated 598 Park Fund balance to the Buddy Todd Park Improvement Project Phase I account. The additional allocation of funds will include project administration, inspection and direct construction costs. Therefore sufficient funds are available for this project.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be provided for the construction contract.

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

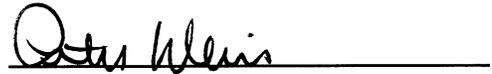
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