



DATE: June 7, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department
And Housing and Neighborhood Services Department

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CROWN HEIGHTS
ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the improvements for the Crown Heights Alley Improvements project, and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the San Diego County Recorder.

BACKGROUND

On March 17, 2004, the City Council approved the Crown Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. On August 4, 2004, the City Council adopted a budget resolution accepting a Neighborhood Initiative Grant for \$250,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Crown Heights Revitalization. The grant is to eliminate the problem of stagnant water and deteriorated conditions on the Grant and Garfield Streets alleys between I-5 and Missouri Street and the Center Street alley between Center and Division Streets in Crown Heights.

This project was completed as part of the Crown Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and improved conditions in this blighted and distressed neighborhood. The project involved the major pavement restoration of one alley and minor pavement restoration of two other alleys in the Crown Heights neighborhood to eliminate existing drainage problems and replace deteriorated pavement. In addition, sidewalk, curb/gutter and brick pavers were constructed along three streets approved as part of the Oceanside SUN 2004 Project.

Each year, maintenance contracts for restoration of City streets (including alley segments), are offered for competitive bid. These restoration projects are an ongoing program to restore and preserve the City's streets. These programs are divided into two categories of restoration, major and minor. Major restoration includes complete removal and replacement of damaged sections of streets, drainage improvements, and the resurfacing of the streets. Minor restorations are surface treatments that extend the useful service life of streets and delay the need for costly major restorations.

On November 16, 2005, the City Council approved the plans and specifications and authorized a call for bids for the project. The bids were publicly opened on December 15, 2005, and five bids were received. On January 18, 2006, the City Council awarded the project to Portillo Concrete of Lemon Grove, California. The contractor began work on March 20, 2006, and the work was completed in May 2006.

ANALYSIS

This project met the needs identified in the Crown Heights Revitalization Plan. Three alleys were identified to receive major or minor street restoration based upon citizens' reports of deteriorating street conditions and, staff's review to determine the high maintenance priorities for restoration: (1) Alley between Garfield Street and Brooks Street from Missouri Avenue to Division Street to the north end; (2) Alley between Grant Street and Garfield Street from Missouri Avenue to Division Street to Section Street; (3) Alley east of Center Avenue from Division Street to Center Avenue. In addition, sidewalk, curb/gutter and brick pavers were constructed on three streets: Grant, Garfield and Section Streets.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 2005-06 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget included \$300,000 which was sufficient to complete this project. The funding sources were the \$250,000 HUD Neighborhood Initiative Grant for Crown Heights Revitalization and an additional \$50,000 from 2003-04 CDBG Capital Improvement Funds approved as part of the Oceanside SUN 2004 Project. The total contract price for the Crown Heights Alley Improvements project was \$229,640.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be provided.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

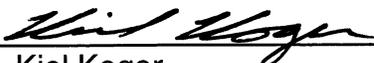
CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

City Attorney analysis does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the improvements for the Crown Heights Alley Improvements project, and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the San Diego County Recorder.

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