

*STAFF REPORT**CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

DATE: August 16, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,000 FROM CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS AND APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE THESE FUNDS TO THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the Council accept a donation in the amount of \$57,000 from Cricket Communications, Inc., for community enhancements (restoration of the tram service on the Pier) and approve the budgeting of these funds to the Property Management Division of the Public Works Department (account number 414800.5392).

BACKGROUND

Cricket Communications, Inc., (Cricket) is a telecommunications company based in San Diego. The company has three proposed cell sites within the City of Oceanside. Separate and independent of the approval of the cell sites, Cricket proposes to give the City of Oceanside a donation in the amount of \$57,000 to restore the tram on the Oceanside Pier. Should the funds not be earmarked for the Tram project, the funding may be used for other community enhancement programs.

ANALYSIS

Cricket proposes to donate \$57,000 to the City of Oceanside. It is the intent of the City to use the funds for community enhancement purposes. Staff is recommending that the funds be earmarked for the Oceanside Pier Tram.

FISCAL IMPACT

The donation by Cricket will provide the initial funding to operate the Pier Tram. In the event the tram is not successful, the community enhancement funding can be used for other community purposes as directed by the City Council.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

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