ITEM NO. 17

STAFF REPORT

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: May 28, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL AT MISSION AVENUE AND MYERS STREET**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing an all-way stop control at the intersection of Mission Avenue and Myers Street, with crosswalks on all four legs of the intersection.

BACKGROUND

Springhill Suites Hotel opened in February 2014. The hotel manager contacted the City requesting that a crosswalk be installed at the intersection of Mission Avenue and Myers Street. City staff has reviewed the location, and based on engineering judgment, has installed an all-way stop with crosswalks on all four legs of the intersection.

ANALYSIS

GF Properties Group currently owns five lots (properties) west of Cleveland Street, east of Myers, south of Civic Center Drive, and north of Seagaze Drive. (See Exhibit A). These five lots were previously entitled by CityMark. The lot located south of Mission Avenue, between the railroad tracks and Myers Street, is now the Springhill Suites Hotel and the Hello Betty Restaurant, which both opened to the public in February 2014.

A traffic study was completed in 2007 with the assumption that all five lots would be developed at the same time, and one of the conditions of the project was to have a traffic signal installed at the intersection of Mission Avenue and Myers Street. However, plans changed and the development project will be completed in phases.

The Springhill Suites Hotel was the first phase of the project. A study showed that the construction of this hotel did not warrant a traffic signal. As future phases are constructed, a study will be conducted to see when the traffic signal installation will be warranted. In preparation for the future traffic signal, a traffic signal pole and signal conduit was installed on the southeast corner of Mission and Myers Street during the construction of the hotel.

According to the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), when an intersection meets the criteria for a future traffic signal, an all-way stop can be justified as a temporary measure as stated in the following:

> "Where traffic control signals are justified, the multi-way stop is an interim measure that can be installed quickly to control traffic while arrangements are being made for the installation of the traffic control signal."

Also, within the same section in the CA MUTCD, there are other criteria that may be considered when justifying the installation of an all-way stop. One criteria states:

> "The need to control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts near locations that generate high pedestrian volumes."

Due to the close proximity of hotels, restaurants, the Pier, the beaches, the North County Transit Center, and future development in the vicinity of the Mission Avenue and Myers Street intersection, vehicular and pedestrian activity will continue to increase.

A request was made to have a crosswalk installed at the subject intersection. After staff's observations of the pedestrian activity at the intersection, it was determined beneficial to establish an all-way stop control supplemented with crosswalks on all four legs of the intersection. The all-way stop will help clarify the right-of-way assignment among the drivers and pedestrians, and act as an interim measure for the future traffic signal.

On April 1, 2014, City staff attended MainStreet Oceanside's monthly meeting and presented the recommendation of an all-way stop control at the intersection of Mission Avenue and Myers Street. MainStreet Oceanside supported City staff's recommendation for the all-way stop.

FISCAL IMPACT

The installation of the proposed stop sign will cost approximately $1,600 with an increase in annual maintenance of two (2) work hours. Costs will be expended from the Street Traffic Control System Maintenance & Operations account (640621101.5355) which has sufficient funds available.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

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

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing an all-way stop at the intersection of Mission Avenue and Myers Street, with crosswalks on all four legs of the intersection.

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Attachments:

1. Exhibit "A" (Location Map)
2. Resolution

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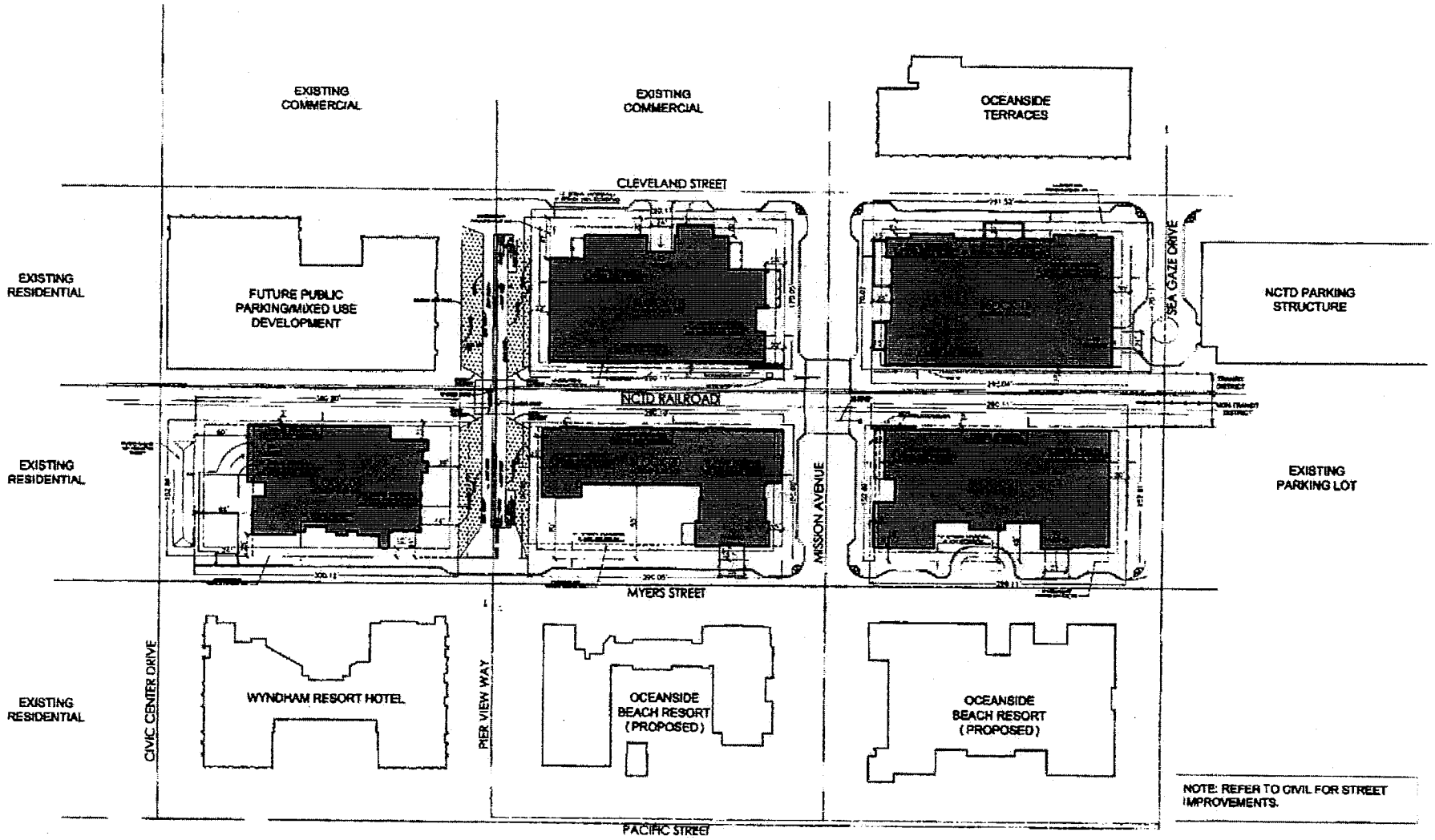

Exhibit "A"

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROLS WITHIN THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

(All-Way Stop controls at Mission Avenue at Myers Street)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Oceanside finds the public health, safety, and welfare will be benefited by establishing certain traffic controls on particular streets within the City of Oceanside.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. There are established All-Way Stop controls at Mission Avenue and Myers Street.

SECTION 2. Staff is directed to affect the foregoing controls as soon as possible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California, this _____day of _____, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY