



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM (EEMP) UNDER SECTION 164.56 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE FOR THE NEWPORT BOULEVARD LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

DATE: AUGUST 26, 2010

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PRESENTATION BY: PETER NAGHAVI, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ERNESTO MUÑOZ, CITY ENGINEER, (714) 754-5335

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) for the submittal of a grant application to the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) for the Newport Boulevard Landscape Improvement Project.
2. Authorize the Department of Public Services Director as the City's representative.

BACKGROUND:

Competitive grant applications for the EEMP Grant Program are due on October 1, 2010. EEMP provides grant funds for the development of outdoor recreation facilities.

ANALYSIS:

The grant application to the EEMP program requests funding in the amount of \$350,000 for the Newport Boulevard Landscape Improvement Project and will pay for the design and installation of drought tolerant landscaping and irrigation on Newport Boulevard between 19th Street and Fair Drive. No City matching funds are required for this grant program.

If grant funding is approved, the project may begin in spring 2011 with completion of the project required by April 30, 2012. To apply for these grant funds a resolution approving the filing of an application and naming the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative is needed.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

If the Council chooses not to submit a grant application for this project, staff will continue to pursue other grant programs and alternative funding.

FISCAL REVIEW:

No City match is required for this grant program.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The proposed resolution is approved as to form.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Council approve the filing of a grant application with the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) for the Newport Boulevard Landscape Improvement Project and authorize the Department of Public Services Director as the City's representative.



ERNESTO MUÑOZ
City Engineer



PETER NAGHAVI, Director
Department of Public Services

Attachment: 1 - Proposed Resolution

c: City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk
Development Services Director
Parks Project Manager
Contract Administrator

Resolution No: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA,
CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM UNDER
THE SECTION 164.56 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE FOR THE
NEWPORT BOULEVARD LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has enacted AB 471 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 1989), which is intended to provide \$10 million annually for a period of 10 years for grant funds to local, state and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Agency has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing grant proposals and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected; and

WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the Applicant's governing body before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the application contains assurances that the Applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the environmental enhancement and mitigation project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA;

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1. Approves the filing of an application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for grant assistance.
 2. Certifies that said Applicant will make adequate provisions for operation and maintenance of the project.
 3. Appoints the Director of Public Services as agent of the City of Costa Mesa to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7TH day of September, 2010.

Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa