

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE:

December 2, 2009

SUBJECT:

Jackie Lee Houston Plaza – Special Change Order Authority

FROM:

David H. Ready, City Manager

BY:

Owner's Representative

SUMMARY.

Staff is recommending that the City Council provide the City Manager with special change order authority for work related to the Jackie Lee Houston Plaza in an effort to help keep the project on schedule while incorporating additional work.

RECOMMENDATION:

 Authorize the City Manager to approve a Change Order with Doug Wall Construction for the Jackie Lee Houston Plaza Project, CP 08-18, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 for the installation of automatic retracting bollards in the roadway.

2. Authorize the City Manager to approve a Change Order with Doug Wall Construction for the Jackie Lee Houston Plaza Project, CP 08-18, in an amount

not to exceed \$18,000 to crack fill and slurry seal Calle Alvardo.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The Jackie Lee Houston Plaza Project is currently under construction and scheduled to be completed by the 2010 Film Festival. The project came in more than \$250,000 under estimate and staff recommends that additional work to enhance the aesthetics and the safety of the project be undertaken.

First, to provide for quicker emergency vehicle access through the roadway bollards that will be utilized on both ends of Calle Alvarado, the Fire Department recommends that a system of automatic bollards be installed on the south end of the project. This system would be activated by the approach of emergency vehicle lights and allow for unfettered access in an emergency. Staff is working to identify the most reliable system and it is estimated that such a system will cost around \$50,000.

Second, the project included the installation of decorative paving in three spots that cross Calle Alvarado. While overseeing the installation of the decorative paving Public Works recommended that the street be crack filled and slurryed to provide for an better overall aesthetic. Public Works recommends a rubberized slurry for the project and because of the small size of the project it is expected to be priced at around \$15,000 to \$18,000.

If City Council concurs, staff will continue to work with the contractor to price out this extra work and bring it forward for a timely approval by the City Manager.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Due to the excellent bid on this project Funds are available in the project account to cover this extra work.

Allen F. Smoot, Owner's Representative

David H. Ready City Manager