



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 15, 2009 Consent Calendar

SUBJECT: JACKIE LEE HOUSTON PLAZA PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO BID

FROM: David H. Ready, City Manager

BY: City Manager

SUMMARY

This action would approve the plans and specifications for the Jackie Lee Houston Plaza project and authorize staff to proceed to bid.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Jackie Lee Houston Plaza at the Palm Springs Convention Center Plans, Specifications and Working Details, City Project CP2008-18, and authorize the staff to proceed to bid with the project.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

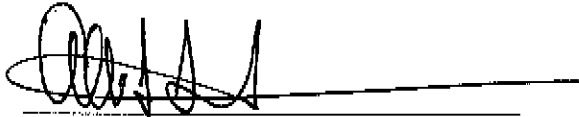
The City acquired the 1.75 acre triangular parcel across Calle Alvarado from the Convention Center. The parcel was acquired for the development of a new entry/welcoming plaza to the Convention Center. A \$1million budget estimate was established for the development of the project. A project sub-committee comprised of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem, Mr. Houston, and staff have met with the designers, Design Workshop, several times to develop the project concepts and designs. The project has been approved by the Planning Commission and the Tribal Council.

The project schedule is such that to meet the self-imposed deadline of opening the Plaza by the 2010 Film Festival in early January, that the project must go to bid in mid-August while the City Council is dark. To achieve this time frame, the Plans and Specifications, which are still being worked on, must be approved and bid authorized prior to the end of July by the City Council. A summary version of the proposed project plans are attached for City Council consideration. The completed project documents will be reviewed with key project committee members prior to the completion of the bid process.

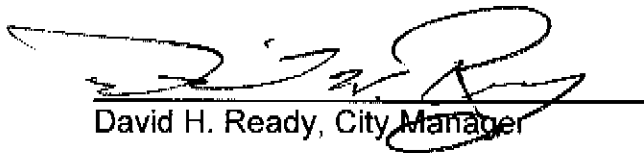
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Approximately \$200,000 has been budgeted for preconstruction activities, with a total project estimate of \$1m. Staff will bring back to City Council a financing plan utilizing Redevelopment and private funds prior to bid award.



Allen F. Smoot, Owner's Representative



David H. Ready, City Manager

Attachment
1. Plans

