



Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Fahey and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Neil Miller, Director of Public Works
Dana Greenwood, City Engineer
Ismael Medrano, Project Manager

DATE: May 3, 2005

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the El Porto Retaining Wall Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council pass a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5976 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for 1996 Proposition A (Safe Neighborhood Parks Act) per parcel grant funds in the amount of \$400,000.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Adequate previously-approved funds (\$1,093,000) are available to cover the City's share of construction and design costs. In addition, the County will contribute a total of \$835,000 as itemized below.

Proposition A Grant amount requested:	\$400,000
Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors (NOAA Grant):	\$435,000
	\$835,000

BACKGROUND:

The City of Manhattan Beach has worked closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors to develop a project for the replacement of the retaining wall immediately west of the El Porto parking lot. The project extends from 45th Street to Rosecrans Avenue.

At its June 15, 2004 meeting, City Council approved the following components:

- 1) Retaining Wall – a soldier-pile wall placed in front of the existing retaining wall which will remain intact.
- 2) Handrails – a hot-dipped galvanized steel handrail that included stainless steel cables.

- 3) Eastside retaining wall – replace existing wood poles with a concrete block system.

At its July 20, 2004 meeting, City Council:

- 1) Approved the final wall design concept, including an aesthetic design element.
- 2) Approved the plans and specifications.
- 3) Adopted Resolution No. 5920 in accordance with the objectives and policies of the Manhattan Beach Coastal Program, and approved the required Coastal Development Permit.

At its December 21, 2004 meeting, City Council:

- a) Awarded a contract in the net amount of \$1,768,999.52 to S.P. Pazargad Engineering Construction, Inc. for the El Porto Retaining Wall Project.
- b) Authorized the Director of Public Works to approve additional work in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, if required.
- c) Approved a supplemental appropriation of \$293,000 from the County Parking Lot C Fund balance to fund the construction and change order contingency.
- d) Received a ceremonial check in the amount of \$835,000 from the office of the Honorable Don Knabe, Supervisor 4th District, County of Los Angeles, indicating commitment to fund a portion of the project.

DISCUSSION:

In 1996, Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, was approved by voters, which provided funds to the County of Los Angeles and other public agencies in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing facilities for public recreational facilities and open space. The County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District (District) administers the subject funds. The District has set forth the necessary procedures governing local agency applications for grant funds under the Proposition.

On March 15, 2005, the County Board of Supervisors approved a recommendation allowing the Director of Beaches and Harbors to assign the right to apply for a portion of the County's per parcel grant funds (\$400,000) to the City of Manhattan Beach for the El Porto Retaining Wall Project. The District's procedures require the City to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the District. Upon approval, the City will enter into an agreement with the District to provide funds for the subject project.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

The remaining balance of \$435,000 from the County is actually a Federal NOAA grant awarded to the Department of Beaches and Harbors. The County Chief Administration Office (CAO) is currently in the process of transferring the \$435,000 to the City. The CAO anticipates that the Federal requirements will be met and the fund transfer should take place by June.

CONCLUSION:

These administrative actions are necessary to complete the funding package for the repair of the El Porto Parking lot retaining wall.

Attachment: Resolution Number 5976
xc: Henry Mitzner, Controller

RESOLUTION NO. 5976

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE EL PORTO RETAINING WALL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 5, 1996, enacted Los Angeles Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beaches and Wildlife Protection (the Proposition) which, among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purposes of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing applications for grant funds under the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Applicant to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

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

WHEREAS, the Applicant certifies through this resolution; that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Project Agreement with the District for the performance of the project as described in the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, FIND, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Approves the filing of an application with Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for funds allocated under Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Proposition for the above-named Project; and

SECTION 2. Certifies that the Applicant understands the assurances and certifications in the application form; and

SECTION 3. Certifies that the Applicant understands its obligation to operate and maintain the property(s) in perpetuity; and

SECTION 4. Certifies that said Applicant will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the Project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and

SECTION 5. Authorizes the City Manager as agent of the City of Manhattan Beach to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the project as described in the application.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution; enter it into the original records of the City.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk shall make this Resolution reasonably available for public inspection within thirty (30) days of the date this Resolution is adopted.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of May, 2005.

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Mayor, City of Manhattan Beach, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk