



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING THE FY 2020/2021 CIP PROGRAM BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$60,000 FROM THE AVAILABLE BALANCE OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL FUND TO TRF0405, "INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN COUNTDOWN INDICATIONS AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS"; AND APPROPRIATING \$75,000 FROM THE AVAILABLE BALANCE OF THE SEWER FACILITIES REPLACEMENT FUND TO SWR0293, "PARKSIDE SEWAGE PUMP STATION" (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

On September 10, 2019, the City Council awarded a construction contract to HMS, Inc. for the Installation of Pedestrian Countdown Indications and Traffic Signal Modifications (CIP No. TRF0405). Delays during construction due to longer than anticipated traffic signal equipment fabrication times resulted in additional construction time and staff cost increases to the project which have exceeded the project contingencies. Adoption of the resolution will appropriate \$60,000 from the Traffic Signal Fund to TRF0405.

On October 15, 2019, the City Council awarded a construction contract to Blue Pacific Engineering and Construction for the Parkside Sewage Pump Station project (SWR0293). During construction, significant delays were encountered scheduling the utility company to install and energize the electric and gas meters, resulting in additional construction time that is likely to result in consultant, contractor, and staff cost increases to the project that will exceed the project contingencies. Adoption of the resolution will appropriate \$75,000 from the Sewer Facilities Replacement Fund to SWR0293.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Development Services Director has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Section 15302 Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and Section 15303 class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) because the proposed actions would not result in a significant effect on the environment, create a cumulative impact, damage a scenic highway, or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

Installation of Pedestrian Countdown Indications and Traffic Signal Modifications (CIP No. TRF0405)

This project installed pedestrian countdown indications, which graphically show pedestrians when it is safe to cross a street, at 117 intersections throughout the City. The project also installed new traffic signals at three intersections to reduce traffic delays and improve traffic circulation, including a new signal at the Third Avenue and Davidson Street intersection.

At the Third Avenue and Davidson Street intersection, the TRF0405 project was required to coordinate construction activities with a separate CIP project, the Third Avenue Streetscape Improvement project. Due to this coordination, the existing traffic signal poles and pedestrian lights were removed before the new poles were fabricated, to allow the Third Avenue Streetscape Improvement project to complete the required sidewalk improvements. A temporary pedestrian lighting system was installed to light the intersection until the new traffic signals were installed. Fabrication of the traffic signals was delayed at the manufacturing plant due to COVID impacts to plant staff, causing the temporary lighting system to be in place longer than anticipated, resulting in project delays and staff cost increases of approximately \$60,000, exceeding the project contingencies and resulting in the need for additional project funds.

Staff recommends Council adopt the resolution to approve an appropriation of \$60,000 from the Traffic Signal Fund to TRF0405 to cover the additional staff costs.

Parkside Sewage Pump Station Upgrade (CIP No. SWR0293)

This project replaced an existing sewer pump station in Parkside Drive, and installed a new sewage wet well, emergency overflow tank, emergency generator, and dual force main pipelines in Parkside Drive.

The new pump station required a new electric meter for the pumps and a new gas meter for the emergency generator. Significant delays were encountered with the utility company during the inspection and energizing of the new meters, resulting in delays to the project's completion and consultant, contractor, and staff cost increases that are likely to exceed the project contingencies and result in the need for additional project funds. The delay impacts and cost increases are not fully known at this time. It is anticipated that the additional cost will not exceed \$75,000.

Staff recommends Council adopt the resolution to approve an appropriation of \$75,000 from the Sewer Facilities Replacement Fund to SWR0293 to cover the additional project and staff costs.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and has found no property holdings within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Consequently, this item does not present a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(7) or (8), for purposes of the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the resolution will appropriate \$60,000 in Traffic Signal funds to TRF0405; and appropriate \$75,000 in Sewer Facility Replacement funds to SWR0293. Sufficient funds are available for said appropriations; therefore, there is no additional impact to the Traffic Signal and Sewer Facility Replacement Funds.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

The improvements for the projects will require routine maintenance.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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