



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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July 22, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements with Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area Funds. (Districts 1, 6)

DISCUSSION

The Redevelopment Agency (Agency), in collaboration with the Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine and the Department of Public Works, has identified the need to create and improve open space and infrastructure throughout the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area (Project Area). These improvements will assist in the removal of blight by enhancing open space in densely populated neighborhoods currently underserved by these types of amenities, improving safety of the residents, and helping to create safe, more cohesive and economically dynamic communities in the Project Area. The Agency has targeted six open space and two infrastructure projects for public improvements.

- Rosa Parks Park Acquisition/Expansion
- Drake/Chavez/Bhatti UPRR Expansion
- Craftsman Park Expansion
- Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Expansion
- MacArthur Park/Homeland Cultural Center Expansion
- Downtown Dog Park
- Magnolia Industrial District Infrastructure Improvement

Before the Agency may proceed with any public improvements, California Redevelopment Law provides that the Agency may, with the consent of the City Council, pay for public improvements that are publicly owned either within or outside of a redevelopment project area, if the City Council determines all of the following:

- That the construction of such public improvements is of benefit to the redevelopment project area or the immediate neighborhood in which the public improvement project is located;
- That no other reasonable means of financing the public improvements are available to the community; and

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- That the payment of Redevelopment Agency funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the Project Area.

Since the Agency is funding construction of these public improvements, these findings must be made. These public improvements include creating and enhancing open space and renovating community centers.

These improvements will further serve to support neighborhood and economic revitalization by enriching the character of neighborhoods, linking existing open space elements and providing a unique and positive environmental signature for the Project Area.

A resolution is attached making certain findings regarding the construction of these public improvements with redevelopment funds in the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Heather A. Mahood on June 24, 2008, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on June 26, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on July 22, 2008, in order to facilitate project design and planning.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for project design is available in the Redevelopment Fund (RD). There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund (GP).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



CRAIG BECK
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Attachment: City Council Resolution

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS
REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC
IMPROVEMENTS WITH REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS
(CENTRAL PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND
STREET IMPROVEMENTS)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopted and
approved a certain Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Plan") for the Central
Redevelopment Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project and the immediate neighborhood
in which the Project is located, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach,
California (the "Agency"), has recognized the need for certain public improvements,
which improvements will be located within the boundaries of the Project, and proposes to
use redevelopment funds to finance the improvements; and

WHEREAS, Section 33445 of the California Community Redevelopment
Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et seq.) requires the Agency to make
certain findings prior to the acquisition of land and construction of public improvements or
facilities thereon; and

WHEREAS, Section 33678 of the Community Redevelopment Law provides
that under certain conditions tax increment funds shall not be subject to the
appropriations limitation of Article XIII B of the California Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
follows:

Section 1. The City Council determines that the construction of public
improvements, more particularly described in Exhibit "A", are of benefit to the Project and

1 the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located. This finding is supported by
2 the following facts:

3 Development of additional parks and recreation facilities will assist
4 the removal of blight in densely populated neighborhoods that are currently
5 underserved in terms of open space and recreational opportunities, while
6 also helping to create a more positive and nurturing environment within
7 neighborhoods. Further, targeted street improvements will eliminate blight,
8 improve traffic flow and the safety of residents, and promote business
9 attraction and retention.

10 Section 2. The City Council determines that no other reasonable means
11 of financing the above-described improvements are available to the community. This
12 finding is supported by the following facts:

13 Before the passage of Proposition 13, most of the City's general
14 operating and capital improvements were funded through property taxes.
15 However, the initiative placed severe constraints on the City's ability to use
16 property tax revenues to offset increases in operating and capital costs. It
17 has also been difficult for the City, by itself, to provide sufficient funds to
18 support the construction of major public improvements. In fiscal year 2008-
19 2009, the limited resources of the City's General Fund are committed to
20 previously incurred obligations and planned projects.

21 Section 3. The City Council further determines that the payment of funds
22 for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or
23 more blighting conditions within the Project, and is consistent with the implementation
24 plan adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33490.

25 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
26 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

27 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
28 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2008, by the

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following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers:

Noes: Councilmembers:

Absent: Councilmembers:

City Clerk

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EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Sites located in the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area to be developed into parks and recreation facilities. Also, streets targeted for improvements. These public projects will facilitate the removal of blight as well as facilitate safer, more cohesive neighborhoods. These projects include the following:

- Rosa Parks Park Acquisition/Expansion
- Drake/Chavez/Bhatti UPRR Expansion
- Craftsman Park Expansion
- Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Expansion
- MacArthur Park/Homeland Cultural Center Expansion
- Downtown Dog Park
- Magnolia Industrial District Streetscape