

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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November 10, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements with Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area Funds;

Adopt the attached resolution making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements with Downtown Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area Funds; and

Adopt the attached resolution making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements with North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area Funds. (Districts 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8)

DISCUSSION

Improving and enhancing public infrastructure has always been an important goal of the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (Agency), particularly when those public improvements support private economic investment, result in increased job generation, or support the aesthetic enhancement of a specific area. On November 2, 2009, the Agency adopted resolutions making findings regarding the construction of various public improvements in all the redevelopment project areas, including park expansion, streetscape improvements, and public art. To continue these enhancements, the Agency has identified the following important public projects planned in the Central, Downtown, and North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Areas:

Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area

- Ocean Boulevard Median Lighting.
- Pine Avenue Streetscape Improvement.
- The Design District Streetscape Improvements.
- Sunrise Historic District Improvements.
- 7th and Alamitos Improvements.
- Alamitos Avenue.

Downtown Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area

- Ocean Boulevard Median Lighting.
- Pine Avenue Streetscape Improvement.
- CityPlace Parking Garage Improvements and Upgrades.
- American Hotel Sidewalk Repairs.

North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area

- South Waterfront Bike Path.
- Orange Twist Landscaping.
- Del Amo Railroad Embankment.

These improvements will further serve to support neighborhood and economic revitalization by eliminating blight, supporting private economic investment, enhancing the pedestrian environment, linking existing commercial corridors, and closing a vital gap in the City of Long Beach's bikeway system.

California Redevelopment Law provides that a Redevelopment Agency may, with the consent of the City Council, pay for public improvements, which 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.
- 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.

Resolutions making the necessary findings regarding the construction of these public improvements with redevelopment funds from the Central, Downtown, and North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Areas are attached.

This letter was reviewed by Chief Assistant City Attorney Heather A. Mahood on October 20, 2009 and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on October 22, 2009.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 10, 2009 in order to facilitate the design and construction of improvements.

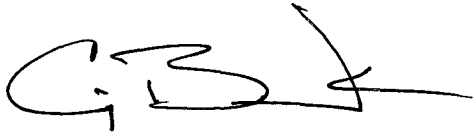
FISCAL IMPACT

Total cost for these projects is unknown at this time. However, funding for the projects listed is included in the FY10 adopted budget of the Redevelopment Fund (RD) and Department of Development Services (DV). There is no impact to the General Fund (GP).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: City Council Resolutions (3)

APPROVED:



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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
(DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopted and approved a certain Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Plan") for the Downtown 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 or adjacent to 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 the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located. This finding is supported by

1 the following facts:

2 These improvements will assist in the removal of blight by providing easier
3 parking access for employees and residents, improving pedestrian safety and flow
4 through the downtown, and promoting business attraction along Ocean Boulevard, Pine
5 Avenue, Broadway and nearby streets.

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

9 Before the passage of Proposition 13, most of the City's general operating
10 and capital improvements were funded through property taxes. However, the initiative
11 placed severe constraints on the City's ability to use property tax revenues to offset
12 increases in operating and capital costs. It has also been difficult for the City, by itself, to
13 provide sufficient funds to support the construction of major public improvements. In
14 fiscal year 2009-2010, the limited resources of the City's General Fund are committed to
15 previously incurred obligations and planned projects.

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

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

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2009 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

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EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Pine Avenue

The improvement of Pine Avenue and adjacent connections including new paving, lighting, landscaping, public art, street furniture and similar improvements within the area described in Exhibit A-1.

Ocean Boulevard Median Lighting

Median lighting, landscaping and public art in the Ocean Boulevard median between Alamitos Avenue and Golden Shore Avenue.

CityPlace Parking Garage Improvements and Upgrades

Installation of automated parking equipment and expansion and upgrade of CityPlace garages.

American Hotel Sidewalk

Sidewalk and street improvements on Broadway between Long Beach Boulevard and Pine Avenue.

Pine Avenue Streetscape Project Map



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