



City Council Agenda Report

Agenda
Item No.
9.c

DATE: April 13, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

APPROVED BY: Rachel Barbosa, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney

PREPARED BY: Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-22, AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, MANAGE REQUESTS FOR DISBURSEMENTS AND TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE MERCED AVENUE GREENWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

SUMMARY: City of South El Monte has submitted an application to the State Water Resources Control Board for funding for the Merced Avenue Greenway Improvement Project, which includes the construction of a 0.65 mile multi-benefit green street that will capture, treat, and infiltrate storm water runoff (“Project”). City received approval of funding in the amount of \$2,589,214 from the State Water Resources Control Board, and City is required to adopt a resolution authorizing an agent, or representative, to sign the funding agreement, amendments, and requests for disbursement on behalf of City of South El Monte and to carry out other necessary Project-related activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-22, to do the following: 1) Authorize the Community Development Director to carry out the Project, enter into a funding agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board, and accept and expend State funds for the Project; 2) Authorize and designate Community Development Director or designee to sign, for and on behalf of City of South El Monte, the funding agreement for the Project and any amendments thereto; 3) Authorize and designate Community Development Director or designee to represent the City of South El Monte in carrying out City of South El Monte’s responsibilities under the funding agreement, including certifying invoices and disbursement requests for Project and to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws; and 4) Any and all actions, whether previously or subsequently taken by City of South El Monte, which are consistent with the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolution, shall be, and hereby are, in all respects, ratified, approved and confirmed.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact with this action.

DISCUSSION: City of South El Monte has submitted an application to the State Water Resources Control Board for funding for the Merced Avenue Greenway Improvement Project, which includes the construction of a 0.65 mile multi-benefit green street to capture, treat, and infiltrate storm water runoff.

On February 16, 2021, City received approval of funding in the amount of \$2,589,214 from the State Water Resources Control Board, and City is required to adopt a resolution authorizing an agent, or representative, to sign the funding agreement, amendments, and requests for disbursement on behalf of City of South El Monte and to carry out other necessary Project-related activities.

The Merced Avenue Greenway Project in the City of South El Monte is a multi-benefit green street project that includes decentralized Low Impact Development (LID) Best Management Practices (BMPs) within the street right-of-way that slow, capture, treat, and infiltrate storm water runoff. The Project aligns with the Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Guidelines (Section III, B.) as it provides storm water management, water quality, and climate resilience benefits by integrating green infrastructure into the redesigned street; incentivizing water agencies to collaborate on water resource management and prioritize self-reliance and security; addresses the needs of a disadvantaged community; and results in quantifiable outcomes. The Project will capture and use storm water runoff at multiple locations along 0.65 miles of Merced Avenue to:

- reduce pollutant loads and volumes discharged to Legg Lake, Whittier Narrows, and the Rio Hondo with an innovative “treatment chain,”
- provide groundwater augmentation to the San Gabriel East Basin,
- re-establish a more natural hydrologic cycle to support habitat and ecosystem health,
- provide community health and climate resiliency benefits, and
- implement both an easily maintainable and aesthetically pleasing green street to last for at least 20-years.

City staff learned yesterday from the Council for Watershed Health that the attached resolution is required and must be submitted by April 16, 2021. Therefore, it is urgent and necessary for City Council to take immediate action at its April 13, 2021 Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 21-22

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
TO ENTER INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, MANAGE REQUESTS
FOR DISBURSEMENTS AND TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY
TO CARRY OUT THE MERCED AVENUE GREENWAY
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of South El Monte has submitted an application to the State Water Resources Control Board for funding for the Merced Avenue Greenway Improvement Project which includes the construction of a 0.65 mile multi-benefit green street to capture, treat, and infiltrate storm water runoff (Project); and;

WHEREAS, the City received approval of funding in the amount of \$2,589,214 from the State Water Resources Control Board; and

WHEREAS, prior to the State Water Resources Control Board's executing a funding agreement, the City of South El Monte is required to adopt a resolution authorizing an agent, or representative, to sign the funding agreement, amendments and requests for disbursement on behalf of City of South El Monte and to carry out other necessary Project-related activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SOUTH EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of South El Monte hereby authorizes the Community Development Director to carry out the Project, enter into a funding agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board, and accept and expend State funds for the Project consistent with all grant terms.

SECTION 2. The Council hereby authorizes and designates the Community Development Director or designee to sign for and on behalf of City of South El Monte, the funding agreement for the Project and any related amendments.

SECTION 3. The Council hereby authorizes and designates the Community Development Director or designee to represent the City of South El Monte in carrying out City of South El Monte's responsibilities under the funding agreement, including certifying invoices and disbursement requests for Project costs and to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

SECTION 4. Any and all actions, whether previously or subsequently taken by City of South El Monte, which are consistent with the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolution, shall be, and hereby are, in all respects, ratified, approved and confirmed.

SECTION 5: The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of April 2021.

Gloria Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE)

I, Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk of the City of South El Monte, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 21-22 was passed and approved by the City Council of the City of South El Monte at a Regular meeting of said Council held on the 13th day of April 2021, and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk