

CITY OF ALAMEDA

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Lisa Goldman
Acting City Manager

Date: March 15, 2011

Re: Adopt a Resolution for the Selection and Purchase of Holophane
Streetlights and Adopt Plans and Specifications and Authorize a Call for
Bids for Park Street Streetscape, Lincoln Avenue to Webb Avenue and
Central Avenue to San Jose Avenue, No. P.W. 10-09-30

BACKGROUND

The Park Street Streetscape project is the second phase of streetscape improvements within the Park Street Business District. The project limits are from Lincoln Avenue to Webb Avenue/Times Way and from Central Avenue to San Jose Avenue. Completion of this project will provide an improved pedestrian friendly public space along Park Street from Lincoln Avenue to San Jose Avenue.

DISCUSSION

The proposed improvements include: the removal of 29 existing street trees and the planting of 60 new street trees with irrigation, in accordance with the City's Master Street Tree Plan; the removal of ten existing streetlights and the installation of 36 streetlights; the installation of bicycle racks and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible curb ramps; and the reconstruction of portions of curb, gutter, sidewalk, and street pavement, as needed, for the installation of the improvements. A curb extension on the east side of Park Street at San Antonio Avenue will also be constructed for ADA accessibility at the existing crosswalk. In addition, the project includes an "add alternate" to replace the existing parking meters with parking meter kiosks, based on total project cost.

The previous Park Street Streetscape project installed Holophane streetlights from Central Avenue to Times Way/Webb Avenue, purchased by the City and provided to the contractor. Public Works staff proposes to use the same process and purchase the streetlights directly from the manufacturer's distributor. This will maintain consistency between the two projects; reduce the total project cost, since there will be no contractor mark-up for the material; and enable the City to order the streetlights prior to award of the contract, thereby shortening the contractor's waiting time for receiving the streetlights and expediting the construction schedule for the project. For these reasons the Public Works Department staff has submitted a public interest finding to Caltrans for

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funds for this project are budgeted in the Public Works Department's account for Capital Improvement Program (90606) Park Street Streetscape, Lincoln Avenue to Webb Avenue and Central Avenue to San Jose Avenue, with Federal Earmark, Redevelopment funds (Fund 310), and Parking Meter funds (Fund 224). There is no impact to the General Fund.

MUNICIPAL CODE/POLICY DOCUMENT CROSS REFERENCE

This action does not affect the Alameda Municipal Code.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is Categorically Exempt under the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c), Existing Facilities.

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RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution for the selection of Holophane streetlights and a call for bids to Holophane distributors and adopt plans and specifications and authorize a call for bids for Park Street streetscape, Lincoln Avenue to Webb Avenue and Central Avenue to San Jose Avenue, No. P.W. 10-09-30

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew T. Naclerio
Public Works Director

By:



Ed Sommerauer
Associate Civil Engineer

Approved as to funds and account,



Fred Marsh
Controller

Exhibit:

1. Plans and Specifications (on file in the City Clerk's office)

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. _____

Approved as to Form
City Attorney

AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF HOLOPHANE STREETLIGHTS
AND A CALL FOR BIDS TO HOLOPHANE DISTRIBUTORS FOR PARK
STREET STREETScape, LINCOLN AVENUE TO WEBB AVENUE AND
CENTRAL AVENUE TO SAN JOSE AVENUE, NO. P.W. 10-09-30

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda will construct streetscape improvements
on Park Street; and

WHEREAS, new streetlights having traditional and architectural
appearance were incorporated in the previous Park Street Streetscape, No.
P.W. 10-02-13; and

WHEREAS, the Park Street Business Association (PSBA) has chosen
the streetlights manufactured by Holophane, Inc. to remain consistent with
those previously installed; and

WHEREAS, the Park Street Streetscape project has been declared
Categorically Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act, Section
15301(c), Existing Facilities; and

WHEREAS, this selection will maintain consistency between the two
projects; reduce the total project cost, and enable the City to order the
streetlights prior to award of the contract, thereby shortening the contractor's
waiting time for receiving the street lights and expediting the construction
schedule for the project; and

WHEREAS, the use of Holophane street lights would provide uniformity
of maintenance and replacement parts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of
Alameda authorizes the selection and a call for bids to Holophane distributors
for street lights for the Park Street Streetscape, Lincoln Avenue to Webb
Avenue and Central Avenue to San Jose Avenue, No. P.W. 10-09-30.

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Resolution #5-G CC
03-15-11

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in regular meeting assembled on the 15th day of March, 2011, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 16th day of March, 2011.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda