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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-036

DATE February 18, 2015

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SUBJECT: VENICE BEACH – PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA (PRJ20875) PROJECT -
ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera (PRJ20875) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Quimby Funds in the amount of \$298,288.00 from Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE;
3. Approve the allocation of \$298,288.00 in Quimby Funds from Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE for the Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera (PRJ20875) project;
4. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,
5. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY:

Venice Beach is located at 1800 Ocean Front Walk in the Venice community of the City. This 178.0 acre facility provides basketball, handball, shuffleboard, paddle tennis, and volleyball courts, children's play areas, an outdoor fitness area, a skate park, and a bike path. Venice Beach is also home to the Venice Boardwalk (Ocean Front Walk), the Venice Fishing Pier, and Muscle Beach Venice. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Venice Beach meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), in coordination with Department, has determined that public safety awareness requires a delicate balance of tactics, technology, and process that when done properly, improves citizen quality of life and safety. The scope of the proposed Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera (PRJ20875) project includes the installation of twenty (20) surveillance cameras and seven (7) audio loud speakers along Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach. It is the objective of the proposed project to provide a technological solution that is tailored to the community of Venice Beach. The proposed Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera (PRJ20875) project will be highly scalable, beginning with wireless network connectivity designed in a peer-to-peer fashion. Video traffic will flow through this network in a prescribed predictable manner to ensure a high level of uptime and availability. The Venice Beach LAPD substation will have both viewing and proactive response capabilities. Video will be recorded at both the Venice Beach Police substation and the 2 Breeze Avenue LAPD location. The locations along Ocean Front Walk identified in the preliminary design provide situational awareness through fixed and pan-tilt-zoom cameras. An audio loudspeaker is included in many of the locations and audio intervention is possible from any monitoring station within this system. It is proposed that the 2 Breeze Avenue location will serve as the main wireless network infrastructure aggregation location for most of the Venice Beach surveillance equipment.

Upon approval of this Report, \$298,288.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE and allocated to the Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera (PRJ20875) project. The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera Project (PRJ20875) project is \$298,288.00. These Quimby Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Venice Beach, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Additionally, on December 12, 2014, the City Council approved the transfer of \$200,000.00 in funding from the LAPD to the Department or the Venice Beach - Public Safety Camera Project (Council File No. 14-0600-S252). These funds are to be transferred from LAPD's Fund 100, Department 70, Account 003040 to Department's Fund 302, Department 89, Account 89704H.

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Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of installation of new equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use if required for safety, health, the public convenience, or environmental control, and additions to underground electric utility distribution system facilities such as cables, conduits, pipelines, manholes, vaults and appurtenances, including connections to existing overhead electrical utility distribution lines. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3 (4, 8) of the City CEQA Guidelines

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department's General Fund.

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