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Prepared By: Lou Balderama, City Engineer

Agenda Item No. **I-7**

Reviewed By: City Manager *[Signature]*

City Attorney *[Signature]*

Finance *[Signature]*

Public Works

DATE: November 9, 2011

TO: City Council

FROM: Rob Roshanian, Interim Public Works Director
Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Application for the Strategic Growth Council's Urban Greening Project Grant Program for Improvements at Johnson Creek Park, Charles F. Blackstock Junior High School and Bard Road

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for \$750,000 in Strategic Growth Council Grant Funds, to be used for improvements at Johnson Creek Park, located at 701 Johnson Road, Oxnard, CA 93033, Charles F. Blackstock Junior High School, located at 701 East Bard Road, Oxnard, CA 93033, and east on Bard Road between Saviers Road and the Ventura County Railroad Tracks.
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to appropriate the grant and matching funds upon award of the grant

DISCUSSION

The Strategic Growth Council and California Senate Bill 732 objectives are to improve air and water quality, protect natural resources and agricultural lands, increase the availability of affordable housing, improve infrastructure systems, promote public health, and assist state and local entities in the planning of sustainable communities and meet California Assembly Bill 32 goals.

The Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program provides funds to preserve, enhance, increase or establish community green areas such as urban forests, open spaces, wetlands and community spaces (e.g., community gardens). This is the second of three funding rounds for the Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program. Up to \$20 million in Fiscal Year 2011/12 is available for the Grant Program.

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On June 17th, 2011 the Water Resources Division submitted a Concept Proposal for the Oxnard Urban Greening Project. This is a multi-benefit project that includes recycled water retrofits at a park and a school, landscaping to support the conversion to recycled water, stormwater features and pedestrian safety improvements. The City and the Hueneme School District will enter into an agreement for work within the school right-of-way if this Grant is awarded (see Attachment No. 1). The project was selected by the Strategic Growth Council to move forward with a full application. On November 17th, 2011 the Water Resources Division will submit a grant application to implement the project. As they are refined, the project scope and budget may vary slightly from the Concept Proposal.

The project encompasses several urban greening elements at Johnson Creek Park, Charles F. Blackstock Junior High School, and along Bard Road, a busy thoroughfare in front of the school. The school and park will be retro-fitted to be connected to the City's state-of-the art recycled water system. The urban greening elements will enhance pedestrian safety, reduce stormwater runoff from the parking lot to Johnson Creek, and demonstrate water-friendly landscaping and smart irrigation techniques. The interface between the school, park and adjacent streets and sidewalks will be softened with bulb outs and pedestrian islands to serve as both traffic calming and stormwater management features. Overall, Oxnard's Urban Greening project is intended to serve as a demonstration site for the multi-benefit outcomes of well-designed streetscapes, recycled water and water conservation, and use of natural systems for ecosystem services. The Public Works Department has coordinated this project with the Hueneme School District as well as with the Recreation and Community Services Department and the Planning Division.

The Full Grant Application requires a signed Resolution by the City Council of Oxnard (see Attachment #2) and a signature on the Application Form (see Attachment #3) by the Applicant's Authorized Representative as show in the Resolution.

It is expected that award recipients will be announced in late Spring 2012, and within one to three months after the initial announcement, grant agreements will be awarded to applicants that successfully pass all pre award reviews and clearances. If awarded, the Urban Greening Project is expected to commence in September 2012 and last approximately 14 months.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,050,000, with the state contributing \$750,000. The City's match of approximately \$300,000 will be met with the costs of the recycled water pipeline extension on Bard Rd, from the GREAT Program.

- Attachment #1 - November 8, 2011 Correspondence from Hueneme Elementary School District
- #2 - Resolution # _____ Approving an Application for and Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Strategic Growth Council
- #3 - Application Form for signature by City Manager or designee

HUENEME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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November 8, 2011

Strategic Growth Council
Urban Greening Project Grant Program

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that Debbie DeSmeth, assistant superintendent/facilities, and I met with City of Oxnard staff and a recycled water consultant on August 12, 2011, for the City to inform us about its recycled water program. Our school district was interested in the use of recycled water but needed more information regarding costs and potential impacts.

One of our discussion points was the cost to our district to retrofit the water service system to use recycled water. The City of Oxnard indicated there might be grant opportunities for the retrofits and offered to take the lead in researching and obtaining these grants.

It was agreed that, should a grant become available, the City and the Hueneme Elementary School District would enter into an agreement detailing the responsibilities of each party for the recycled water use, and follow established procedures to present the proposed agreement to the district's Governing Board and City Council for approval.

Sincerely,



Jerry Dannenberg, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Copy: Oxnard City Manager
Deborah DeSmeth, Assistant Superintendent/Facilities

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project; and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 12,053 sets out the procedure by which City staff may submit grant applications, following approval by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has requested that City Council approve the submittal of an application to the State of California Strategic Growth Council Urban Greening Projects Grant Program for \$750,000 in the Oxnard Recycled Water and Complete Streets Urban Greening Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Oxnard:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Oxnard Recycled Water and Complete Streets Urban Greening Project; and
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application; and
3. Certifies that applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 84 Funds; and

5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and
6. Certifies that applicant will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and.
7. Approves the submittal of a grant application by the City Manager for the Oxnard Recycled Water and Complete Streets Urban Greening Grant Project. The City Council further resolves that the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute the grant agreements; the Chief Financial Officer or designee is authorized to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve special budget appropriations for the use of grant funds; and the Public Works Director or designee is authorized to submit non-financial reports.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011, with the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alan Holmberg, City Attorney

APPLICATION FORM
 State of California - The Strategic Growth Council
 URBAN GREENING PROJECTS GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICANT (Agency and Address - including zip code) City of Oxnard Department of Public Works 305 West Third Street - Third Floor Oxnard California 93030 Applying for targeted Disadvantaged Community funds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Check one: JPA <input type="radio"/> Special District <input type="radio"/> Non-Profit <input type="radio"/> City <input checked="" type="radio"/> County <input type="radio"/>	Grant Amount Requested: \$ 750000 Estimated Date of Completion: 12/1/2013 Estimated Total Project Cost: \$ 1,050,000 (including State grants, other funds and in-kind donations) County Ventura Nearest City to Project Oxnard									
Project Name Oxnard Recycled Water and Complete Streets Urban Greening Project		Project Address 901 East Johnson Rd Oxnard California 93030 Nearest Cross Street Justin Way Senate District No. 23 Assembly District No. 35,41										
Applicant's Representative Authorized in Resolution Name: Edmund F. Sotelo Title: City Manager Phone: (805) 385-7430 Email Address: edmund.sotelo@ci.oxnard.ca.us												
Person with Day to Day Responsibility for Project (if different from Authorized Representative) Name: Dan Rydberg Title: Capital Projects Manager Phone: (805) 385-8055 Email Address: daniel.rydberg@ci.oxnard.ca.us												
Brief Description of Project (Summarize major activities to be funded by this Grant) Oxnard's Urban Greening project is intended to serve as a demonstration site for the multi-benefit outcomes of well-designed streetscapes, recycled water and water conservation, and use of natural systems for stormwater management.		<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%; text-align: center;">Latitude</td> <td style="width:50%; text-align: center;">Longitude</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">34.16251</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-119.17316</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Coordinates Represent: <u>Rough center of area</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Coordinates Determined Using: <u>Topozone.com or similar</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">(See next page for instructions and choices)</td> </tr> </table>	Latitude	Longitude	34.16251	-119.17316	Coordinates Represent: <u>Rough center of area</u>		Coordinates Determined Using: <u>Topozone.com or similar</u>		(See next page for instructions and choices)	
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STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS - Check all that apply to your project												
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Uses Natural Systems or Systems that Mimic Natural Systems	Project Data: Please enter the quantity (to nearest 0.1 unit) on all the following measures that apply to your project										
<input type="checkbox"/>		0.0 Acres of Habitat to be <u>Acquired</u>										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Creates, Enhances or Expands Community Green Spaces	0.0 Acres of Green/Open Space to be <u>Acquired</u>										
Provides the Following Multiple Benefits		10.0 Acres Green Space to be <u>Restored/Enhanced/Managed</u>										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Decreases Air and Water Pollution	5.0 Acres of Habitat to be <u>Created/Enhanced/Restored</u>										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reduces the Consumption of Natural Resources and Energy	0.0 Acres of Invasive Species to be <u>Eradicated/Treated</u>										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increases the Reliability of Local Water Supplies	2.0 Acres of Wetland to be <u>Created/Preserved</u>										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increases Adaptability to Climate Change	Acres Feet of Stormwater to be <u>Captured</u>										
	List Other Multiple Benefits not identified above: Provides safe routes to school and park for families	15.0 Acres of Park and/or Community Garden to be <u>Created or Enhanced</u>										
		0.0 Miles of Recreation Trail to be <u>Created/Enhanced</u>										
URBAN GREENING PRIORITIES		0.0 Metric Watt Hours (MWH) Usage to be <u>Reduced</u>										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Uses Interagency Cooperation and Integration	50.0 Trees to be <u>planted</u>										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Uses Existing Public Lands and Facilitates Use of Public Resources and Investments, including Schools	Milligrams per Liter (Mg/L) of Pollutant <u>Reduced</u>										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is Proposed by an Economically Disadvantaged Community	Other:										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Improves Public Health	Other:										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is Innovative or Unique	Other:										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is Proposed by a Community Vulnerable to Climate Change											
I certify that the information contained in this project application, including required attachments, is complete and accurate.												
Signature: _____ Applicant's Authorized Representative as shown in Resolution		_____ Date										
Print Name and Title: _____												