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Reviewed By: City Manager *JLB* City Attorney *JP* Finance *JC* Other (Specify) _____

DATE: July 20, 2010

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew Winegar, Director *MW*
Development Services Department

SUBJECT: Approval to Prepare and Submit Two Proposition 84 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Applications

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for a Climate Action Plan Grant in the amount of \$100,000 and an application for an Economically Disadvantaged Sustainable Community Strategy Grant in the amount of \$100,000.
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute cooperative agreements with the California Strategic Growth Council and appropriate in-lieu staff time, use of City facilities, and other grant funds that may be available for either or both grants.

DISCUSSION

The State of California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is requesting sustainable community planning grant proposals under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Prop. 84). The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant program is inviting jurisdictions to propose grants to develop and implement plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve a variety of other sustainable community goals. Jurisdictions are eligible for a minimum planning grant of \$100,000. Jurisdictions with Economically Disadvantaged Communities (EDC) are allowed to submit a second grant focused on the EDC areas. Based on the SGC definition of an EDC, Oxnard has seven qualifying Census 2000 tracts, mostly in central and south Oxnard.

The Citywide grant proposal would be for the development of a Climate Action Plan (CAP). City-level CAP's are becoming common and our Draft 2030 General Plan includes Policy SC-1.3, "Develop a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CCAAP)." The proposed Oxnard CAP would be a process-oriented plan to follow evolving climate change and related science; educate the public and decision makers; be consistent with and bring regional and State climate change planning to the local level;

identify the most likely short, medium and long term impacts of climate change; assess local vulnerabilities; identify and evaluate adaptations and mitigations; implement plans, policies, and programs; establish benchmarks and metrics and evaluate implementation; and revise the CAP process as needed. Staff anticipates requesting a grant of \$100,000 for staff time and to retain consultants for a two-year planning process leading to City Council review and adoption of an Oxnard CAP.

The EDC-focused planning grant proposal would be for the development of a neighborhood-level sustainable community strategy that could later be adapted for all Oxnard communities. Staff anticipates requesting a grant of \$100,000 for staff time and to retain consultants for a two-year planning process that would propose to include:

- Establishing potential for distributed renewable energy production;
- Planning for electrical vehicle infrastructure;
- Survey residents about their travel behavior and willingness to use transit;
- Analyze infill and redevelopment potential;
- Analyze “greening” potential including trees, community gardens, and green roofs;
- Planning for connection and use of recycled water from the GREAT Program;
- Public education regarding climate change and sustainable lifestyles;
- Identifying developments built in similar periods with similar structures and determining feasible best practices energy retrofits and remodels for each period; and
- Identity and update various codes and policies to encourage sustainable best practices.

Approximately \$66 Million in competitive Proposition 84 funds will be awarded to local governments and regional agencies in this first round. Applications are due August 31, 2010.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total of both grant proposals is \$200,000. While the grant scoring gives credit for City contributions such as in-kind administrative support, there is no matching requirement.

Attachment #1 - Resolution Approving Preparation of Climate Change Planning Grant Proposals

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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
SUBMITTAL OF TWO CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND,
IF AWARDED, EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE
CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Oxnard hereby resolves as follows:

1. The City Manager is authorized to submit two planning grant applications to the California Strategic Growth Council under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006: 1) The Oxnard Climate Action Plan Grant in the amount of \$100,000, and 2) the Oxnard Economically Disadvantaged Sustainable Community Strategy Grant in the amount of \$100,000.
2. If selected for a grant, the City Manager is authorized to prepare the necessary materials needed to enter into a cooperative agreement and to meet deadlines established for entering into a cooperative agreement.
3. The City of Oxnard will provide in-kind and staff support to be determined by the City Manager to increase the City's grant scoring potential.
4. The City Manager of the City of Oxnard is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the California Strategic Growth Council as part of the application process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2010, with the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

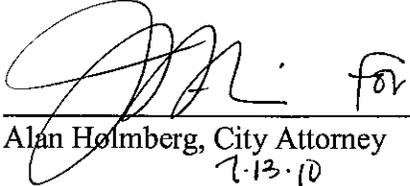
ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk



Alan Holmberg, City Attorney
7-13-10

ATTACHMENT _____
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