



Staff Report

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council Regular Meeting of July 13, 2021

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH APPROVING THE GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR HERMOSA BEACH PARKING LOT GREENING PROJECT (Environmental Programs Manager Doug Krauss)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution 21-7279 approving the grant of funds from the state Coastal Conservancy for Hermosa Beach Parking Lot Greening Project; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to act as a representative to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City all agreements and instruments necessary to complete the project and to comply with the Conservancy's grant requirements.

Executive Summary:

In March 2021, the Board of the Coastal Conservancy approved the City of Hermosa Beach's application for \$433,650 in funding to support CIP 682 Parking Lot D Improvements. The project would improve Parking Lot D (located at the southwestern corner of Manhattan Avenue and 14th Street) with a suite of stormwater measures and other improvements to make the parking lot a model of sustainable design and provide funds for the design of Lot A. A Resolution of the City Council approving the grant of funds is required by the Coastal Conservancy. If approved, the City would have until February 29, 2024 to complete all work associated with the granted funds.

Background:

The Parking Lot D Improvement Project was first conceived in 2017 to reconstruct Parking Lot D (located at the southwestern corner of Manhattan Avenue and 14th Street) as a demonstration project showcasing a range of environmentally sustainable design elements. These included: stormwater infiltration; native vegetation; electric vehicle charging stations; and solar power generation. On March 27, 2018, City Council authorized submittal of an application for grant funding for this project. Staff was successful in securing \$433,650 in funding from the Coastal Conservancy for this project.

Past Council Actions

Meeting Date	Description
March 27, 2018	Council authorized submittal of an application for grant funds

Discussion:

City staff applied for, and was awarded, \$433,650 in granted funds from the Coastal Conservancy to support final engineering and construction of CIP 682 Parking Lot D Improvements, as well as help inform the design of the renovation of Parking Lot A. The Board of the Coastal Conservancy approved the funding at its March 2021 meeting and City staff is now working with Coastal Conservancy staff to execute final funding agreements and other administrative documents (**Attachment 1**).

A Resolution from City Council approving the acceptance of the granted funds is required. Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Resolution (**Attachment 2**) and authorize the City Manager to act as a representative to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City all agreements and instruments necessary to complete the project and to comply with the Conservancy's grant requirements. The Coastal Conservancy funding must be expended by early 2024.

If approved, staff would apply for additional grant funds from the Safe Clean Water Act regional funding program to fund the balance of the project cost. This application would be submitted in the coming months and other sources of funding would be sought as well.

General Plan Consistency:

This report and associated recommendations have been evaluated for their consistency with the City's General Plan. Relevant Policies are listed below:

Infrastructure

Goal 5. The stormwater management system is safe, sanitary, and environmentally and fiscally sustainable.

Policies:

5.7 Stormwater permits. Strictly implement, enforce, and monitor MS4 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) Permit requirements through stormwater ordinances.

Fiscal Impact:

The Coastal Conservancy grant of \$433,650 was included in the 2020-21 Budget. These funds would be reappropriated to the FY 2021-2022 Budget in August. The total estimated project cost for CIP 682 is \$1,000,000. This estimate would be revised upon finalization of the plans. The Coastal Conservancy grant of \$433,650 would go towards engineering and construction. Staff is seeking additional grants to fund the balance of the project cost.

Attachments:

1. Draft Grant Agreement
2. Resolution 21-7279

Respectfully Submitted by: Douglas Krauss, Environmental Program Manager

Noted for Fiscal Impact: Viki Copeland, Finance Director

Legal Review: Mike Jenkins, City Attorney

Approved: Suja Lowenthal, City Manager