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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297798

ADOPTED ON APR 0 1 2003

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT; AND TAKING RELATED ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2000, by Resolution Number R-294170, the City Council authorized the award and expenditure of funds for the construction of the University Avenue Streetscape [Project]; and

WHEREAS, the Project provided for streetscape and other improvements on University

Avenue between Herman and Wilson Avenues; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Number R-294170 a contract was executed with Heffler Company, Inc., for the construction of these improvements and the construction is now substantially complete; and

WHEREAS, during the construction, additional work items were added to the Project including curb ramp changes, colored sidewalk, sidewalk treatments, additional trees, irrigation sleeves, and other related work necessitating additional work by the contractor; and

WHEREAS, since the additional items depleted the Project's contingency funding, it then necessitated identification of additional funds; and

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed for expenditure on the Project; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

- 1. That the City Council finds and determines that construction of public improvements on University Avenue, between I-805 and Wilson Avenue, for which the Redevelopment Agency proposes to contribute funding, are of benefit to the City Heights Redevelopment Project; will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area; that no other reasonable means of financing the public improvements are available to the community; and that it is consistent with the Five Year Implementation Plan for the City Heights Redevelopment Project, as adopted and thereafter amended by the Agency pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 33490, as described in Attachment No. 1.
- 2. That the City Manager is authorized to accept funding in the amount of \$60,000 from Fund 98200 into CIP 52-462.0, University Avenue/Lincoln Avenue Two Way Couplet System, Fund 10259 City Heights Redevelopment Agency.
- 3. Authorizing a \$60,000 increase in Fiscal Year 2003 Capital Improvements Program budget in CIP 52-462.0 University Avenue/Lincoln Avenue Two Way Couplet.
- 4. Authorizing the Auditor and Comptroller to appropriate and expend \$60,000 from CIP 52-462.0, University Avenue/Lincoln Avenue Two Way Couplet System, Fund 10259, for the additional staff cost.

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5. Authorizing the Auditor and Comptroller, upon advice from the administering department, to transfer excess funds, if any, to the appropriate reserves.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

Laura O Del Valle

Deputy City Attorney

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ATTACHMENT NO. 1 FINDINGS

The following findings are for the University Avenue Streetscape Improvements - I-805 to Wilson Avenue, in the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area.

I. Findings of Benefit

The subject improvements for which the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Diego (Agency) proposes to pay will benefit the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area in that:

- A. These improvements will include reconstruction of street surfacing, storm drain, curbs, gutter, sidewalks, driveways, raised medians and pedestrian ramps. These infrastructure improvements will remove deteriorated and substandard conditions, will remove flooding hazards, pedestrian tripping hazards and vehicle traffic hazards due to uneven paving conditions.
- B. The improvements will also include decorative paving, street trees, open space landscaping and automatic irrigation facilities. These improvements will provide for a safer and more pleasant environment for pedestrians and users of public transit.
- C. The improvements will improve community image, strengthen the economic viability of the adjacent business district and provide an incentive for private investment and improved maintenance in the surrounding neighborhood.

II. No Other Reasonable Means of Financing

There are no other reasonable means available to the community for financing the subject improvements for which the Agency proposes to pay in that:

- A. The University Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project, I-805 to Wilson Avenue has been funded with approximately \$1.1 million dollars in Transnet and Community Development Block Grant funds. It required multiple year allocations of these funds to provide adequate funds to be able to implement the project. After construction began on the project, unanticipated field conditions resulted in the need for construction change orders and the total cost of construction exceeded available City revenues by \$60,000.00.
- B. The Fiscal Year 2002 Capital Improvement Program Budget decreased by 3.9% from the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget. Identified capital needs exceed available total identified revenues. The Fiscal Year 2002 CIP Budget provides for the sewer upgrade of the City's Metropolitan and Municipal Wastewater System, water facilities projects, park and recreation projects, library projects, transportation projects and other public facilities projects.

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III. Elimination of Blighting Conditions

The payment of Agency funds toward the cost of the construction and installation of the subject improvements will assist in the elimination of blighting conditions inside the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area and the proposed improvements are consistent with the Second Implementation Plan for the City Heights Redevelopment Project, adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33490, in that:

- A. The improvements will correct and upgrade substandard and deteriorated infrastructure facilities and will specifically improve storm water drainage, improve traffic safety, remove pedestrian tripping hazards, and enhance public transit stops.
- B The improvements will upgrade deficient public open spaces with decorative paving, street trees and other landscaping and will improve the image of a primary gateway into the City Heights community.
- C. The improvements will provide incentive for private investment and improvement of old, deteriorated and substandard buildings and private improvements in the community surrounding the improvements project.
- D. The improvements project is consistent with the Second Implementation Plan for the City Heights Redevelopment Project, which is recorded with the Agency as Document No. D-03033 and dated September 15, 1999, in that the project addresses the Plan's specific priority goals of:
 - Reduce visible physical blight
 - Increase public awareness of community identity by physically improving and defining community boundaries and entryways, preserving the identity of separate neighborhoods and promoting the positive characteristics of the area
 - Upgrade streetscapes and improve pedestrian, public transit and bicycle orientation in the commercial areas
 - Concentrate improvements in demonstration blocks and at community gateways.
- E. The Second Implementation Plan states the following under the heading "1999-2000 Work Program": "Reconstruct University Avenue between I-805 and Wilson Avenue as well as portions of Wabash Avenue, 33rd Street, and 35th Street, to rebuild the deteriorated streets and sidewalks, improve drainage and provide extensive landscaping and decorative paving as a community gateway improvement at one of the primary entryways into City Heights."

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