

RESPONSE TO COUNCIL QUESTIONS RE: 4/20/2021 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Agenda Item #: 1.D

Title: Award of Contract to JJR Construction Inc. for ADA Curb Retrofit (CDBG) 2021 and Finding of CEQA Categorical Exemption

Council Question:

As far as I can tell, the contractor will be doing approximately 100 ADA curb retrofits. Please specify the locations.

Staff Response:

Curb ramps will be installed at 47 intersections with 109 curb ramps are included in the bid documents. The list of locations is included as an attachment.

Agenda Item #: 1.E

Title: Award of Contract to Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc. for Slurry Seal 2021 and Finding of CEQA Categorical Exemption

Council Question:

What will be the effects on our Pavement Condition Index based upon the approved Slurry Seal project? (current number/new number)

Staff Response:

This project is part of the overall pavement management strategy for the City as we work to maintain the current PCI and slowly work toward moving to 80. All the projects for pavement benefit the PCI, but it is not recalculated until an inspection is done for the system, which typically occurs every two years.

Agenda Item #: 4

Title: Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Taking a Position on Assembly Bill (AB) 703 (Rubio, Blanca D) - Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences

Council Question:

Staff said there is no fiscal impact regarding this bill. But there is a fiscal impact to have the hybrid model in-person and remote meeting, correct?

[On-going hybrid model requires both the City Clerk/Assistant City Clerk, more staff time in general? Also, meetings in the South Conference Room (Council/boards) would require video/sound transmission equipment].

Staff Response:

AB 703 would enable but does not mandate that the City change its public meeting format. If the bill were approved, the City could continue an all-virtual format, return to in-person meetings, or adopt a hybrid meeting format. Once City Hall reopens and more meeting options become available, staff will seek Council direction on what meeting format is preferred and assess budget impacts at that time.

Staff anticipate supporting hybrid in-person/virtual Council meetings along with hybrid Board and Commissions meetings will require similar staffing to the current virtual meetings held via Zoom. This

staffing includes one additional staff person per meeting compared with in-person meetings conducted prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

If hybrid in-person/virtual public meetings become the standard operating model in Sunnyvale, staff estimate an additional 0.5 FTE Deputy City Clerk (\$79,025.11) in the Office of the City Manager or more would be recommended to support hybrid public meetings and maintain existing service levels. This is an estimate and may require re-evaluation if implemented.

In addition to staffing needs, supplementary equipment would be needed in the current City Hall to support hybrid meetings in the Council Chambers and conference rooms at various City locations where Board and Commission meetings are traditionally conducted. Audio/video technology plans for the new Civic Center are being revised to include support the option for hybrid public meetings.