AGENDA
RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION - 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING- 6:30 P.M.
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
675 WILLOWOOD AVENUE, RIO DELL

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THE TYPE OF COUNCIL BUSINESS IS IDENTIFIED IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH TITLE IN BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. STUDY SESSIONS – 5:00 – 6:30 P.M.

1) 2011/0419.01 - Draft Operations Budget FY 2011-2012

E. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

F. CEREMONIAL

1) 2011/0419.02 – Proclamation Recognizing May, 2011 as National Bike Month

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar adopting the printed recommended Council action will be enacted with one vote. The Mayor will first ask the staff, the public and the Council members if there is anyone who wishes to address any matter on the Consent Calendar. The matters removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered individually in the next section, "SPECIAL CALL ITEMS."

1) 2011/0419.03 - Approve Minutes of the April 5, 2011 Regular Meeting (ACTION)
H. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

I. SPECIAL CALL ITEMS/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

1) “SPECIAL CALL ITEMS” from Consent Calendar

2) 2011/0419.04 - Bids for Wastewater Project II Construction (RECEIVE & FILE) 17

3) 2011/0419.05 – Approve Purchase of Infiltration Gallery Pump for an Amount not to Exceed $10,500 (ACTION) 18

4) 2011/0419.06 - Approve Purchase of Water Treatment Facility Filter Controls for an Amount not to Exceed $15,000 (ACTION) 19

5) 2011/0427.07 - Direct City Manager to Update the Final Funding Request to RLF For Wastewater Project II Funding (ACTION) 20

J. ORDINANCES/SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

1) 2011/0419.07 - Approve Resolution No. 1110-2011 Establishing Speed Limits for Certain Streets (ACTION) 22

K. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

This time is for persons who wish to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Council has jurisdiction. Items requiring Council action not listed on this agenda will be placed on the next regular agenda for consideration, unless a finding is made by at least 2/3rds of the Council that the item came up after the agenda was posted and is of an urgency nature requiring immediate action. Please limit comments to a maximum of 5 minutes.

L. REPORTS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1) City Manager

2) Finance Director

3) Chief of Police

M. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

N. ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN SESSION OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION AS FOLLOWS:
O. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

P. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

Q. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

R. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

S. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular meeting will be on May 3, 2011
at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers
TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Ron Henrickson, City Manager

FROM: Stephanie Beauchaine, Finance Director

DATE: April 14, 2011

SUBJECT: Draft Operations Budget Fiscal Year 2011-2012

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION
Attached please find copies of the Draft Operations Budget Revenue Department Worksheet by Fund, Budget Line Item Summary by Department, and Budget Summary by Department by Fund for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for your review.

City Staff will be conducting an informational study session at which time we will review the budget process and assumptions that have provided the basis for the 2011-2012 Draft Operations Budget.
STAFF REPORT

TO:Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:Ron Henrikson, City Manager

FROM:Karen Dunham, City Clerk

DATE:April 19, 2011

SUBJECT:Proclamation in Recognition of National Bike Month May 2011

RECOMMENDATION

Present the Proclamation in recognition of National Bike Month May 2011

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Brian Olson from the Rio Dell Community Resource Center requested this item be placed on the agenda and will be present at the meeting to accept the Proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS:Proclamation
City of Rio Dell Proclamation  
NATIONAL BIKE MONTH  
May 2011

WHEREAS, bicycle travel is an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and noise, increase physical activity, as well as conserve energy;

WHEREAS, bicycling is part of the solution for addressing transportation needs, limiting impacts to city infrastructure, conserving energy, and improving public health; and

WHEREAS, bicycle travel can help us achieve the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which requires California to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions 30 percent by 2020, and by 80 percent by 2050;

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting benefits both employees and employers through better employee health and fitness; reduced commuting, parking, and health care costs; lower employee absenteeism and turnover; and increased employee productivity;

WHEREAS, Saturday, May 7, 2011, is the annual Tour of the Unknown Coast, Humboldt County’s premiere cycling event where hundreds of cyclists pass through Rio Dell; and

WHEREAS, Saturday, June 11, 2011, is the annual Kids’ Bike Rodeo at the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department’s parking lot; and

WHEREAS, the City has participated in Safe Routes to School and regional trail and transportation planning;

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Dell is involved in discussions to support the creation of the Eel River Trail, with Scotia/Rio Dell as a possible southern entry point of access, which would increase bicycle commuting and recreation opportunities for Rio Dell residents, and

WHEREAS, the month of May is “National Bike Month” which promotes the bicycle as a means of transportation and recreation and May is also “Clean Air Month” which promotes air quality;

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

I. Believes that achieving increased levels of bicycling and bicycle commuting is in the local, state, national and global interest; and

II. Proclaims May 2011 as NATIONAL BIKE MONTH throughout Rio Dell;

III. Encourages adjacent jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations in support of the Bike Month.

IV. Urges all citizens to support and participate in these and other activities that contribute to the health of the community and the environment.

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Julie Woodall, Mayor
The Regular Meeting of the Rio Dell City Council was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Mayor Woodall.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Woodall, Councilmembers Leonard, Marks and Thompson

Absent: Councilmember Barsanti

Others Present: City Manager Henrickson, Chief of Police Hill, Housing Director Caldwell (closed session only), Water Superintendent Jensen, Public Works Administrative Assistant Ralston, and City Clerk Dunham

Absent: Finance Director Beauchaine

ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN SESSION OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION AS FOLLOWS: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – CDBG Rehabilitation Loan Portfolio Concerns 2010

The Council adjourned to closed session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the above matter.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Woodall announced the item discussed in closed session and stated the Council took action in closed session to authorize staff to address uninsured CDBG properties.

CEREMONIAL

Proclamation Honoring Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day
Mayor Woodall read the proclamation proclaiming March 30, 2011 as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” in the City of Rio Dell and commending those veterans who risked their lives protecting this country’s freedom.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Motion was made by Thompson/Leonard to allow for “Public Presentations” at this point on the agenda in addition to the regular “Public Presentations” further down on the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.
Peggy Patmore, addressed the Council as a leader of the Rio Dell Assembly of God Church and announced that the church was able to obtain the necessary insurance to get the Scotia Pool back in operation and the use of the pool was now being offered to all Rio Dell and Scotia residents. She said swimmers would be charged a fee of $2.00 for use of the pool to help cover the cost of pool maintenance; $3.00 per person for use of the gym including the weight room. At this time the pool would only be open on the first and third Friday evenings, but as participation increases, the schedule would be reevaluated.

Pastor Jeff Miller was introduced who also spoke about recreation possibilities for the community and said he would really like to see this program work. He said the gym was currently operating with volunteers from the church but said any additional help would be greatly appreciated.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Woodall announced the items to be approved on the consent calendar and asked the staff, the public and the Council members if there was anyone who wished to have any item removed from the consent calendar for separate discussion.

Councilmember Thompson asked that Item 8 be removed from the consent calendar for separate discussion under Special Call Items; Councilmember Marks asked that Item 7 be removed.

Motion was made by Leonard/Marks to approve the consent calendar including approval of the March 15, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes of the HOME Loan Advisory Committee; approval of the March 15, 2011 Joint Study Session Minutes; approval of March 15, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes; approval of the March 23, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes; approval of the March 29, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes; approval of land purchase agreement with Robert Mozzetti in the amount of $239,040 and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements and pay associated closing costs; and approval of contract agreement with Winzler & Kelly in the amount of $18,600 for preparation of bid documents and bidding and construction assistance for the Prop 1-B Maintenance Paving Project and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

SPECIAL CALL ITEMS/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Approve Resolution No. 1108-2011 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Necessary Documents Related to the Wendt Easement Grant Deed Acceptance and Right of Way Abandonment Pursuant to Resolution No. 1065-2009

Councilmember Marks asked if the width of the easement met the City’s desired specifications; City Manager Henrickson explained the easement width was adjusted from the original proposal and is of adequate width to get trucks in and turned around without a problem.
Councilmember Marks then asked if the costs for processing the application were paid by the applicant or the City; City Manager Henrickson stated the applicant was not required to incur the cost pursuant to an agreement made between the applicant and the previous city manager and said in 2009 when the matter was first presented, the City Council felt acceptance of the easement in exchange for abandonment of the City’s right of way was appropriate. He said he recommended approval of this action.

Motion was made by Thompson/Leonard to authorize the City Manager to execute necessary documents related to the Wendt Easement Grant Deed Acceptance and Right of Way Abandonment pursuant to Resolution No. 1065-2009.

Approve E-Waste Collection Event and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Necessary Agreements
Councilmember Thompson asked if the $2,000 estimated expense for the E-Waste Collection Event included labor costs for employees, and how many employees were needed; Public Works Administrative Assistant Ralston said the estimate was based on previous year’s activities and said it did include labor costs for the four employees who work the event.

Motion was made by Marks/Leonard to approve an E-Waste Collection Event and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Agreement with Nichols Consulting Engineers to Identify City Street Maintenance Alternatives and Estimate Project Costs in the Amount of $5,000
City Manager Henrickson stated the County last year contracted with Nichols Engineering to perform a study of the road system and the study found that Rio Dell had the worst rated roads in the County. The first step in addressing the problem is to identify where the problems are and analyze alternative approaches the City could use to address the poor condition of our streets and estimate project costs. Working with City staff and the City Engineer, Nichols Consulting Engineering would do a review and update of the maintenance and rehabilitation practices and construction costs; and perform analyses to determine the funding required to improve the City’s street network.

Councilmember Thompson referred to the first page of the engineer’s proposal where it quoted “114.2” centerline miles of streets in the City and stated it probably should read “14.2.”

Motion was made by Marks/Leonard to approve the agreement with Nichols Consulting Engineers to identify City street maintenance alternatives and estimate project costs in the amount of $5,000. Motion carried 4-0.

Railbanking for Preserving Right of Ways for Future County Use
City Manager Henrickson said that Chris Weston from Eel River Trails Association was present
to address the Council on the concept of railbanking and ask for support.

Mr. Weston began by explaining that there has been no rail service on the North Coast since the 1990's and are no plans to revive the railroad for at least another 10 years. He asked the Council to support the option of railbanking as a method of preserving the rights-of-way for future use as a regional trail, including easements that would otherwise revert back to adjacent landowners, and at the same time ensuring the potential for future restoration of rail service. He said the intention is to remove and salvage 162 miles of railroad ties and convert the defunct railroad to trails until such time someone steps in and restores the rail service. He said biking is a growing industry and rails to trails could significantly boost the economy of Humboldt County.

Attorney, Bill Bertain argued that railbanking was not the best approach and said by supporting railbanking, the Council would be endorsing abandonment of the railroad. He said it was the opinion of many people who have followed this issue that utilizing the railroad and our local ports are essential for developing a healthy economy. He recommended the item be tabled to allow for a more extensive study and suggested the Council talk with the Harbor District, North Coast Railroad Association, and Humboldt Redwood.

Mayor Woodall asked for clarification stating that Mr. Bertain indicated that railbanking would require abandonment of the railroad whereas Mr. Weston said it would be a way of preserving the railroad.

Mr. Bertain responded stating that if you want to railbank you must petition to abandon the railroad. Mr. Weston said the procedure does involve abandonment but the idea is to preserve the easement. He said the choice is to have a defunct railroad or trails. He added that the estimated cost to maintain the railroad is a million dollars per mile and that you don't file to abandon for railbanking unless you have an organization that is willing to step in and restore the rail service which is the case.

Councilmember Leonard asked how this fits in with the Annie and Mary train; Mr. Bertain said the Annie and Mary train service between Arcata and Blue Lake is underway but not yet in operation.

Councilmember Thompson recommended no action be taken until several concerns are addressed such as the issue of liability. He said he doesn't feel we can have a viable harbor without the railroad and that restoring the railroad would create jobs.

Councilmember Marks thanked both gentlemen for coming and said she felt there was much more to learn about the issue. She expressed concern for land owners and their rights.
Motion was made by Leonard/Marks to take no action on the issue of railbanking. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Hearing – Unmet Transit Needs
City Manager Henrickson reported each year Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) conducts a citizen participation process to access unmet transit needs within Humboldt County. In addition, HCAOG recommends each entity conduct a separate public hearing to receive comments specific to their jurisdiction. He noted that any public comments made will be sent to HCAOG and included in the Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings.

Mayor Woodall opened the public hearing at 7:30 P.M.

City Manager Ron Henrickson conveyed two comments he received regarding unmet transit needs as:

- Improvement needed in regard to Airline services in Humboldt County
- Enhanced transit bus scheduling needed to allow for flexibility with 8-5 work schedules (residents living in Rio Dell and commuting to Eureka to work)

Sharon Wolfe, stated with gas prices rising she would like the opportunity to take the transit bus to work in Eureka if the schedule was more in line with work schedules.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing closed at 7:33 P.M.

Motion was made by Marks/Leonard to direct staff to send a letter to Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) relying the comments made during the public hearing regarding unmet transit needs.

Approve Award of Bid to Thomas R. Bess, Inc. in the Amount of $182,258 for the Prop 1-B Maintenance Paving Project and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Notice of Award and Contract Agreement
City Manager Henrickson reported the bid opening for the 2011 Rio Dell Prop 1-B Maintenance Paving Project was held on March 30, 2011. He said three bid packages were received with the lowest qualified bid submitted by Thomas R. Bess, Inc.

Water Superintendent Jensen reviewed the streets identified in the project as West Center St., Chase St., West and East Painter St., the intersection of East Painter and Rigby., and repair work at the Fern St. dip.

Councilmember Marks asked if we had a process for verification of the contractor paying prevailing wage; City Manager Henrickson stated it must be documented and that we don’t
release final payment until wages are verified.

Motion was made by Thompson/Leonard to award the 2011 Rio Dell Prop 1-B Maintenance Paving Project to Thomas R. Bess, Inc. in the amount of $182,258 and authorize the City Manager to execute the Notice of Award and the Contract Agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

Bids for Wastewater Project II Testing and Inspection Services, and Construction Management and Inspection Services
City Manager Henrickson stated the City solicited bids for Testing and Inspection Services as well as Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Transmission Pipeline Project. The bids for construction are to be opened on April 15, 2011 and therefore he recommended waiting to award all of the bids at the same time.

Motion was made by Marks/Leonard to receive and file the bids at this time. Motion carried 4-0.

Authorize the City Manager to Execute the California Energy Commission North Coast (EECBD) Sub-Grantee Agreement Between County of Humboldt and the City for City Hall Furnace Replacement Project
City Manager Henrickson reported after many months the project is finally moving forward. He said staff overwhelmingly recommends approval of the authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Public Works Administrative Assistant Ralston stated before the bids can be prepared; we need to submit a letter to the County identifying the type of permits that will be needed for installation of the furnace/HVAC system.

Motion was made by Leonard/Marks authorizing the City Manager to execute the California Energy Commission North Coast (EECBG) Sub-Grantee Agreement between the County of Humboldt and the City of Rio Dell for the City Hall Furnace Replacement Project. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Compensation Study by CPS in the Amount of $600.00
City Manager Henrickson stated he was investigating the possibility of creating a position of Community Services Director to better utilize staff resources and as a result, it is necessary to conduct a single position salary survey.

Motion was made by Thompson/Marks to approve the agreement with CPS for a single position salary market survey in the amount of $600.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Update on Annual Earth Day and Spring Clean-Up Activities
Public Works Administrative Assistant Ralston reported celebration of Earth Day was scheduled
for April 22, 2011 and activities this year would include inviting community members to help with the installation of the dog poo bag signage and dispensers, while also incorporating litter abatement activities throughout the City.

Ralston further reported that the Annual Spring Clean-Up Day was scheduled once again for the day before Mother’s Day; May 7th between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. at the Eagle Prairie Elementary School. She stated that staff was planning to do a little more outreach to ensure that all Rio Dell residents are aware of the date and that they understand that only residential type materials will be accepted.

ORDINANCES/SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Approve Resolution No. 1111-2011 Approving Revenue and Expense Budget Amendments for Dog Gone Poo Grant

Public Works Administrative Assistant Ralston reported the City of Rio Dell in conjunction with the Rio Dell Community Resources Center submitted a “Better Together” Grassroots Grant Application to First 5 Humboldt and the Humboldt Area Foundation after conducting two community meetings and one dinner to explore dog issues in the City. One issue that community members identified was the need to install dog poo bag dispensers and educational signs as a step toward providing a cleaner, safer community. Based on the grant application, Humboldt Area Foundation awarded the City $1,333.00 for the purchase of twelve (12) dog poo dispensers, educational signs, and a community workday to install them.

Councilmember Marks asked if there would be fines imposed for non-compliance; Chief of Police Hill said there would need to be a workshop to discuss the terms and conditions of the program.

Motion was made by Leonard/Marks to approve Resolution No. 1111-2011 Dog Gone Poo Grant Budget Amendments. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

REPORTS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Henrickson reported the Finance Director was in Philadelphia attending a Brownfields conference; and said the revolving loan application for the Wastewater Project was extended from July 1, 2011 to September 1, 2011 which was good news. He said we would continue with the current schedule irregardless.
Chief of Police Hill reported he expected to have answers back to the questions regarding the Radar Survey soon and said he had attended a two week Supervisor Training course which was very beneficial.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Thompson reported on his attendance at recent meetings stating that two items of interest came up at the last LAFco meeting: 1) Garberville is taking steps to incorporate; and 2) Scotia residents will be voting on August 5th on whether or not Scotia will become a CSD as the final step. He said if they don’t get 51% vote for approval the action will fail.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:58 P.M. Mayor Woodall announced the Council would be adjourning to closed session to discuss: REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS Prop 84 Grant and Property Acquisition – Agency Negotiator: Ron Henrickson, City Manager.

The meeting reconvened at 8:35 P.M. Mayor Woodall announced action was taken in closed session by a vote of 4-0 to 1) approve the City Manager entering into a contract with Kenny, Snowden & Norine not to exceed $3,000 for legal services; 2) approve City Manager entering into a contract with Brooks Appraisal Services not to exceed $4,000; and 3) approve City Manager entering into contract for legal services with Mitchell, Brisco, Delaney & Vrieze, LLP not to exceed $1,400.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 to the April 19, 2011 regular meeting.

Julie Woodall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Dunham, City Clerk
CITY OF RIO DELL
STAFF REPORT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
THROUGH: Ron Henrickson, City Manager
FROM: Karen Dunham, City Clerk
DATE: April 27, 2011
SUBJECT: Wastewater Project II Construction Bids

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and File Bids

BUDGETARY IMPACT

Expenses related this project will be paid from project funds through the State Revolving Loan Fund.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The bid opening for construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Transmission Pipeline is scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. Therefore, at the time the Council packets were assembled, the information was not available. The Bid Summary will be presented under separate cover.
TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Ron Henrickson, City Manager


DATE: April 19, 2011

SUBJECT: Infiltration Gallery 15HP Pump

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approve the purchase of a Gould’s 15hp water pump for the water treatment infiltration gallery in the amount not to exceed $10,500.00.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Infiltration Gallery was completed in September of 2006, and has been in continuous operation since then. The Infiltration Gallery consists of three pumps: one 30hp pump and two 15hp pumps that are used to supply water to the treatment facility.

Currently one of the 15hp pumps (Pump No.2) has been showing signs of failure and needs to be replaced. If approved, we plan to remove the failing pump, install a new Gould’s 15hp pump, and get an estimate of repair costs to the failing pump for future use as a backup pump if needed.

BUDGETARY IMPACT

$10,500.00 from the Public Works normal operations and maintenance budget, line item 5135-09-060 Maintenance and Repair.
TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Ron Henrickson, City Manager


DATE: April 19, 2011

SUBJECT: Water Treatment Facility Filter Controls

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approve the purchase of a Siemens Control system for the water treatment facility in an amount not to exceed $15,000.00, for the purchase of a replacement unit.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Water Treatment Facility utilizes a Siemens Control System, which is the filter computer component, for operation of the Roberts Filter system and the Infiltration Gallery pumps. The control system has been randomly shutting down during the past month, and a cause has yet to be determined. Roberts Filter technicians are currently trouble shooting the system trying to pinpoint the cause of the failures.

Due to the difficulty in diagnosing the current malfunctions and the number of times the system has shut itself down during the last month it has become apparent that we need a backup control system to avoid a permanent water facility shutdown, in the event of a total failure.

BUDGETARY IMPACT

$15,000.00 from line item 5135-09-060 Maintenance and Repair.
675 Wildwood Avenue

Rio Dell, CA 95562

(707) 764-3532

TO: Honorable Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Ron Henrickson, City Manager

DATE: April 19, 2011

SUBJECT: Workshop on Wastewater Project #2 Funding

ATTACHMENT: Pre-bid Project Cost Estimate

**Action:**

Direct the City Manager to update the final funding request to RLF.

**Background:**

In order to complete the final request for RLF funding the City needs to determine if we are going to have one engineering firm, HDR for example, as our comprehensive construction manager as we have in the past; or hire a construction manager, engineering firm and testing firm. HDR’s estimate for the cost is $1,277,000. However, by utilizing a three pronged approach the City could potentially save several hundred thousand dollars. Utilizing one firm is easier, but does not create a true check and balance system. Using three firms creates a check and balance system, but does require a greater degree of coordination.
CITY OF RIO DELL  
TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL PROJECT  
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To: Honorable Rio Dell City Council

From: Graham Hill, Chief of Police

Through: Ron Henrickson, City Manager

Date: April 5th, 2011

Subject: Speed Limits

Council Action

Recommend that the City Council approve Resolution 1110-2011, establishing speed limits on Wildwood Avenue, Painter Street, Riverside Drive, Bellevue Avenue, Davis Street, Pacific Avenue, and Monument Road as described.

Background/Discussion

In Early November 2010 it was brought to the City Council’s attention that pursuant to complaints about unsafe driving, the Police Department has increased traffic enforcement in specific areas, particularly on Wildwood Avenue, Davis Street, and Bellevue Avenue. One of the things that had come to my attention is certain conditions must be met in order to enforce speed laws with radar: either the street meets specific criteria to fall under a prima facie speed limit that is pre determined by the vehicle code, or the street has a traffic survey done every five, seven, or ten years (depending on certain conditions). There are other factors but these are the ones that primarily apply to our circumstances. Additional investigation has revealed that additional conditions must be met to enforce speed limits with radar in certain areas of town. The other streets that met the criteria for a Engineering and Traffic Survey were Pacific Avenue, Riverside Drive, Painter Street, and Monument Road.

The City Council approved those studies in November and they have since been completed. In all but one case the recommended speed limit did not change for the roadways studied and remained at the pre existing speed limit; Pacific Avenue (25 MPH), Painter Street (25 MPH), Bellevue Avenue (25 MPH), Davis Street (25 MPH), Riverside Drive (25 MPH), Monument Road (25 MPH) and Wildwood Avenue (from US 101 south to Davis Street, 30 MPH). The exception was Wildwood Avenue from Davis Street, south to the Eagle Prairie Bridge. The recommendation for this section of roadway, based on the Engineering and Traffic Study, is to reduce the speed limit from thirty (30) miles per hour to twenty five (25) miles per hour.
Based on Discussion with the Public Works Department there will be a transition area on Wildwood Avenue, from Davis Street, south, to the area of Elm Street, for drivers to slow from 30 MPH to 25 MPH with appropriate signage.

Budgetary Impact

Based on an estimation of signage needed and estimated costs per sign (including labor), the total cost for addressing new signs and adding signs will be approximately $2,480.00. While this estimation includes new signs directly related to the Engineering and Traffic Study, the Public Works Department working in conjunction with the Police Department is taking this opportunity to replace and maintain existing signs to enhance public safety. The only new signs that are required due to the study, which are attributed to the proposed speed limit change for southern Wildwood Avenue, consist of approximately 7 sign ($1,085.00).

Recommendation

Approve resolution 1110-2011 to establish speed limits on certain streets as required by the California Vehicle Code to enforce speed limits using radar.

Attachments

Speed Surveys for:

Wildwood Avenue
Davis Street
Pacific Avenue
Painter Street
Monument Road
Bellevue Avenue
Riverside Drive
RESOLUTION NO. 1110-2011

ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS FOR CERTAIN STREETS

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 40802 ("Speed Traps"), a section of a highway or street is a “speed trap” if the prima facie speed limit is not justified by an Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS) performed within the specified time period, and the enforcement of the speed limit involves the use of radar or any other electronic device for measuring the speed of moving objects. Furthermore, the evidence of speeding violation based on a speed trap is inadmissible in court (CVC Section 40803, “Speed Trap Evidence”). In view of this, the prima facie speed limits on various streets of the City must be determined and established on the basis of an E&TS. Conducting the E&TS for establishing speed limits is governed by the CVC, and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Since the E&TS’ are usually valid for a period of 7 years, the City must update the E&TS’ for the existing speed zones prior to their expiration date. Additionally, the City is required to reevaluate the speed limits on segments of the roadways that have undergone a significant change in roadway characteristics or surrounding land uses; and

WHEREAS, to ensure compliance with the requirements set forth in the California Vehicle Code, the E&TS’ have been performed by a qualified engineer for seven streets in the City, and are maintained by the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Rio Dell. These streets include: Wildwood Avenue, Painter Street, Belleview Avenue, Pacific Avenue, Davis Street, Monument Road (from Wildwood Avenue to pacific Avenue), and Riverside Drive. In accordance with the traffic survey data the speed limit has been reestablished on six streets, and a new speed limit has been established for one portion of one street (Wildwood Avenue between Davis Street and the Eagle Prairie Bridge); and

WHEREAS, the E&TS for justifying the proposed speed limits were performed in accordance with the requirements set forth in the California Vehicle Code, California MUTCD, and established traffic engineering practices.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, based on the background information presented herein, and pursuant to California Vehicle Code Sections 32 ("Actions Local Authorities May Take by Resolution"), 627 ("Engineering and Traffic Survey"), 22352 ("Prima Facie Speed Limits"), 22354.5 ("Speed Limit Change: Consultation and Consideration Requirements"), 22357 ("Increase of Local Speed Limits to 65 Miles Per Hour"), and 22358 ("Decrease of Local speed Limits"), the following declared prima facie speed limits (and maximum speed limits) have been established with Engineering and Traffic Surveys as follows;

Wildwood Avenue (from US 101 to Davis Street)  30 MPH
Wildwood Avenue (from Davis Street to the Eagle Prairie Bridge)  25 MPH
Painter Street in its entirety  25 MPH
Davis Street in its entirety  25 MPH
Pacific Avenue in its entirety  25 MPH
Riverside Drive in its entirety  25 MPH
Monument Road (from Wildwood Avenue to Pacific Avenue)  25 MPH
Belleview Avenue (from Wildwood Avenue to west city limit)  25 MPH

ADDITIONALLY, this resolution shall supersede and replace any previous Ordinance or Resolution, or portion thereof that establishes a speed limit on the streets identified in this Resolution.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase or word of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, unlawful or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the City of Rio Dell hereby declares that it would have passed and adopted this ordinance and each and all provisions thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more of said provisions be declared unconstitutional, unlawful or otherwise invalid.
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rio Dell, held on the ______ Day of ________, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Julie Woodall, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen Dunham, City Clerk