



CITY OF CORONADO

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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CONSIDER COUNCILMEMBER TANAKA’S REQUEST, PURSUANT TO CITY COUNCIL POLICY NO. 9, FOR “RECONSIDERATION OF A MATTER UPON WHICH THE CITY COUNCIL HAS VOTED”; THEN, IF THE CITY COUNCIL TAKES UP THE RECONSIDERED ITEM, RECONSIDER THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION OF JULY 18, 2023 TO REMOVE THE FOUR CANARY ISLAND PINE TREES ON THE 600 BLOCK OF D AVENUE AS PART OF THE LAWN BOWLING GREEN TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Pursuant to City Council Policy No. 9, consider Councilmember Tanaka’s request to reconsider the action taken by the City Council on July 18, 2023, to “Remove the four Canary Island Pine trees on the 600 block of D Avenue and to consider other solutions that abate the fungal problem under the lawn bowling green.”

2. If the request for reconsideration is supported by a majority of the City Council, provide direction on the four Canary Island Pine trees and any design modifications for the Lawn Bowling Green Project. If necessary, depending on the direction, provide additional appropriation and authorize the City Manager to execute a Work Order Amendment with Nasland Engineering.

BACKGROUND:

Following the February 16, 2021 City Council meeting, the Lawn Bowling Green Turf Replacement Project (Project) saw a long delay due to a significant amount of turnover in City personnel involved in the Project.

On June 7, 2022, City Council approved a contract with Nasland Engineering to design and prepare the bid documents for the Project.

On July 18, 2023, staff presented the Project to the City Council. Included in the presentation was a timeline of events related to the Project including the construction of the original bowling green, opening of the John D. Spreckels Center, actions taken by staff to assess and remedy issues on the Project, and recommendations for design and construction. Attached are the July 18, 2023 agenda packet materials and PowerPoint presentation that supplemented the staff discussion.

The July 18th staff recommendation included splitting the Project into two phases:

Phase I

1. Construct a concrete barrier along D Avenue and the Library to block root intrusion from nearby trees.
2. Complete the roof drain system by installing a pump to redirect water away from the bowling green.

Phase II

3. Remove existing bowling green, exposing the base material and repair base material as needed.
4. Install new bowling green.

In addition, due to a significant amount of coordination and interaction with the lawn bowlers to understand the issues and with a goal to construct a project that met their needs, the Council received an alternative option that would remove the four Canary Island Pine trees along D Avenue. This alternative would eliminate the possibility of tree roots intruding under the bowling green from D Avenue and avert the need to install a concrete root barrier along D Avenue, which was estimated at \$60,000.

Lastly, staff requested approval to remove the leaning Torrey Pine tree north of the bowling green adjacent to the library, based on the recommendation provided by Nasland Engineering's subconsultant arborist. Staff also presented that the middle palm of three palm trees, along D Avenue and west of the library, may need to be removed due to the construction of the drainpipe system. Staff presented this as the least impactful option which would otherwise potentially require the removal of an oak tree.

In a unanimous vote, the City Council approved staff's recommendation for the design and construction phasing and also included the removal and future replacement of the four Canary Island Pines along D Avenue. The City Council directed that tree replacement alternatives were to be presented at a future City Council meeting. In a separate motion, by a 4-1 vote, City Council approved the removal of the leaning Torrey Pine tree.

ANALYSIS:

During the week of July 24, staff coordinated with its contractor West Coast Arborists to plan for the removal of the five trees. Part of the initial effort included the City Arborist checking for habitat or nests prior to scheduling a date for removal. The cursory inspection did not identify any habitat or nests. In addition, West Coast Arborists would have their in-house wildlife biologist inspect the trees no more than three days prior to tree removal.

On July 25, 2023, Councilmember Casey Tanaka submitted a request to reconsider the action to remove the four Canary Island Pine trees on the 600 block of D Avenue (Attachment 1). After receiving the request, removal of all five trees was postponed until further direction from City Council.

Since the conclusion of the City Council meeting on July 18, 2023, City staff in various departments have received inquiries regarding the bowling green and the Project ranging from concerns related to bird nesting season, surveys being completed by a wildlife biologist, age of the Canary Island Pines, current costs to maintain the bowling green, costs to build a natural turf bowling green, costs to move the bowling green at another location, and questions regarding the composition of artificial turf, among others. Staff will be prepared to answer questions during the presentation of the agenda item.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project was added during the FY 20-21 Capital Improvement Program midyear adjustment process with an allocation of \$800,000 (400700000-98090-21003). To date, a total of \$110,200 has been expended for design, leaving a balance of \$689,800 for construction. Requests for additional appropriations will be included during the award of each of the contracts for construction.

ALTERNATIVE:

The City Council could choose to direct staff to provide alternate options to those presented on July 18, 2023. An additional appropriation and approval of a Work Order Modification with Nasland Engineering would be required depending upon the direction provided by City Council.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA based on Article 19, Sections 15301 (existing facilities), 15302 (replacement or reconstruction), and 15304 (minor alterations to land).

PUBLIC NOTICE:

No notice required.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request for Reconsideration
2. July 18, 2023 PowerPoint Presentation
3. July 18, 2023 Agenda Report with Attachments

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