



Office of the City Manager

RECESS ITEM
CONSENT CALENDAR
September 9, 2003

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
From: *WR* Weldon Rucker, City Manager
Subject: Contract: Relocation of PG&E Power Lines

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments in an amount not to exceed \$71,000 for a period of six months with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) to relocate the utility lines for the Seventh Street Improvements Project.

NEGATIVE EFFECT IF ACTION IS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL RECESS

Work on the Seventh Street Improvements Project is in progress under the construction contract awarded by the Council in its Resolution No. 62,030 –N.S. PG&E is required to provide services concurrently to avoid any delays in the completion of the construction contract.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

PG&E.'s Quotation.....	\$ 71,000
Contingency.....	-0-
	Total.....\$ 71,000

Funding for the contract is available in the (Wareham Contribution Fund) budget code (675-5302-432.30-38-03TP31/03TP32/03TP33 and Contract Management System (CMS) #P4BVU).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The construction work for the widening of Seventh Street, between Potter Street and Anthony Street is underway. The power lines of PG&E interfere with the widening of Seventh Street. Therefore, these lines need to be relocated for widening of the affected Seventh Street segment in accordance with the design drawings.

BACKGROUND

On May 13, 2003 City Council adopted Resolution No. 62,030-N.S. authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract for the Seventh Street Improvements Project to upgrade the traffic signals at Ashby Avenue and Seventh Street; to install new traffic signals at Ashby Avenue and Ninth Street, Seventh Street and Potter Street intersections, and the related improvements on Seventh Street from Murray Street to Anthony Street, to improve the flow of traffic in the Seventh Street Corridor.

The existing power line poles must be relocated to widen Seventh Street. This is accomplished by under-grounding the utilities between Potter Street and Anthony Street. PG&E is providing services for the under-grounding work.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The work involves the utility company designing and relocating (by under-grounding) their utilities. The company will provide the utility boxes, and remove the power poles on Seventh Street between Potter Street and Anthony Street for widening Seventh Street.

The City does not have the resources to undertake this type of complex utility under-grounding work which requires the materials and services of PG&E.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative is being considered.

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Approved:



Rene Cardinaux, Director of Public Works

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AND ANY AMENDMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$71,000 FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS WITH PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC (PG&E) TO RELOCATE THE UTILITY LINES FOR THE SEVENTH STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the widening of Seventh Street requires relocation of the utilities of PG&E between Potter Street and Anthony Street; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have the resources to undertake this type complex undergrounding work; and

WHEREAS, the City requires the utility company to provide services for relocation of their utilities, and the contracts have been entered in the Citywide contract database with CMS #P4BVU.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments until completion of the project with PG&E for the Seventh Street Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$71,000 (Budget Code: 675-5302-432.30-38-03TP31/03TP32/03TP33, Wareham Contribution Fund). A record signature copy of the said agreement and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.