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ENERGY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DECEMBER 20, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman McNelly called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adamson, Avera, McCormack, McNelly, Mitchell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roberts, Mathy, Twineham

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Acting Senior Planner Allen; Clerical Support Norton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 18, 2006

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INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS:

a. 2006 year in review

Review of 2006 accomplishments deferred to January or the February meeting.

Chairman McNelly said he would be open to serving as Chairman for 2007.

NEW BUSINESS:

b. 2007 goals

Set goals for 2007

Chairman McNelly stated that at the City Council meeting last evening Council members reviewed and discussed an item presented by Director of Engineering Don Hoppe. The agenda letter read, in part, that there are too many restaurants that are using the public right-a-way to wash down their grease mats. There is concern that the new pavers recently added in the SOCO District would be ruined by greasy water runoff if restaurants continue to wash their mats in the public right-of-way. Therefore, Engineering proposes to build a wash rack enclosure that would connect to a grease interceptor for the restaurants in that area and asked Council to 1) approve the plans and specifications; 2) approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$165,000 of public money from Redevelopment Area 2 revenue bonds to the SOCO District Improvement

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Project to help build the wash rack enclosure, and 3) to award the contract for funding and environmental for \$137,200. The citizens of Fullerton would be expected to pay for this project.

Chairman McNelly told the ERMC Committee Members that this was the first time he had heard about the proposal and was opposed to using public funds, and setting a precedence for other businesses. Chairman McNelly felt strongly that the citizens should not have to pay for this project. There are companies that provide cleaning services and businesses should be using these services.

At the council meeting Chairman McNelly expressed his concerns about the proposal as did other Council members who also had questions. Council Member Bankhead asked the Council to postpone their decision on the proposal and directed the ERMC Committee to review the proposal and make a recommendation. Chairman McNelly said the Committee would need to find the origination and history of the project so they can begin their review and suggested that a staff person come in and speak to the Committee on the birth of the project. Committee Member Adamson thought a special meeting could be scheduled for discussion before next council meeting.

Staff asked what Council's concerns were with the project. Chairman McNelly said their concerns were how many wash rack enclosures would the City be expected to provide; how the mats would be transferred across the alley way to the wash area; would grease drip from the mats in transfer, and the cost for maintenance. Chairman McNelly said his questions about the proposal at the council meeting were how did the proposal come about, who would maintain the rack, and where would the funds come from. Another issue to consider with such a project is the City's liability. The ERMC should have been asked to review the project before it went to Council.

The process of review will take time and businesses should be notified to begin using alternative methods to clean their mats. If the practice of washing their mats in the public right-of-way continues the City has the right to shut them down for a violation and should do so.

Committee Member Adamson said it might make sense to build one central unit but find some way to reimburse the City for the total amount of money spent to initiate the project and for maintenance fees. The Committee should consider other approaches and find information on cleaning services that would collect, clean and deliver. Committee Member Avera spoke about how Saddleback College handled a similar situation, and gave staff a list of companies that the college had used.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

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COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS:

Committee Member Adamson stated that while being interviewed for reappointment a council member mentioned that she had trouble finding the collection center located on Blue Gum Street in Anaheim and suggested that a collection center be more conveniently located. Perhaps household hazards could be collected once a month. He felt that the committee should focus this year on e-waste, newspaper articles, and promotion on e-waste disposal. Committee Member Mitchell suggested having a drop-off day at a specific location a couple of times a year. Committee Member McCormack offered to research the cost to promote such a program. Chairman McNelly said that the message is not getting out to the public about No Drugs Down the Drain; he would like to make sure the public is aware.

Chairman McNelly stated that any Committee Member who is interested in being re-appointed to this committee please notify City Clerk. He said he would like to see the Ordinance that explains how members are appointed.

The next ERMC meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2007

ADJOURN:

With no further business the meeting was ADJOURNED AT: 9:35 a.m.
Beverly Norton, Clerical Support