

## **REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2005**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER**

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**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-1394 REGARDING LANDSCAPED PARKWAYS WITH MEANDERING SIDEWALKS**

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At the City Council meeting of October 26, 2005, staff presented Council with information regarding landscaped parkways with meandering sidewalks and sought direction about the City's policy regarding the future provision of these amenities.

Based on comments from the October 26 meeting, staff has prepared the attached Resolution No. 05-1394 for City Council consideration. Staff finds that the attached resolution will:

1. Help achieve the benefits of landscaped parkways and meandering sidewalks such as enhancing the walking experience for pedestrian, acting as buffer between pedestrians and the roadway, serving as aesthetic enhancements along traffic corridors, and providing environmental benefits.
2. More clearly articulates the City's desires and provides greater authority than the current staff policy. A resolution is a more appropriate document than a minute motion from the standpoint of memorializing the Council direction and action. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption. A Zoning Ordinance Amendment or a General Plan Amendment, on the other hand, would be subject to a more time consuming process. This resolution will also be addressed in the General Plan as part of the current update process to provide even greater authority for the long term.
3. Provide flexibility and options to the developer and to staff in not only the design of the sidewalk and parkway but also the overall development of the project. The resolution does not simply prescribe a requirement, but takes into consideration of traffic safety factors including line of sight and existing physical features such as topography. It also reinforces the City's goals for continued landscape maintenance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully requests that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 05-1394 regarding the future provision of landscaped parkways and meandering sidewalks.

Attachment: Resolution No. 05-1394