

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE: MARCH 26, 2008**

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

**FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER**

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE THOUSAND OAKS BOULEVARD MEDIAN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT; NIB 06-04**

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On September 27, 2006, the City Council approved a construction and maintenance agreement with the City of Westlake Village in order to proceed with a joint beautification project to improve the Thousand Oaks Boulevard streetscape at the City's westerly boundary. The agreement stated the two cities would split the costs evenly, with Westlake Village being the lead agency responsible for the advertising, bid award, contract administration, traffic control, and construction management portions of the project. The City of Agoura Hills' portion for the above mentioned services totaled \$13,008.

The work consisted of removing existing landscaping within the median at the shared boundary located near the Lake Lindero Golf Club and Lindero Creek. The median landscaping was replaced with a variety of flowers and plants, and the open lot west of the golf course, on the north side of Thousand Oaks Boulevard, was screened with new trees. Hanging planters were installed on new wrought iron fencing over the Lindero Creek channel. The wrought iron fencing was continued westerly on the south side of Thousand Oaks Boulevard to Portola Court. In addition, the golf course's trash enclosure that fronts Thousand Oaks Boulevard received a new decorative gate.

On June 13, 2007, the City Council authorized the contract award for the Thousand Oaks Boulevard Median Beautification Project; NIB 06-04, for the landscape portion of the work to Cascade Sprinklers in the amount of \$68,846. In addition, Nassau Masonry was awarded the hardscape portion of the project in the amount of \$29,078.

The City Council allocated \$53,858 from the City's Beautification budget to fund the City of Agoura Hills' portion of the project.

There were a total of two (2) change orders. The following is a breakdown of the costs associated with each change order:

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| 1. Additional fencing along storm drain inlets on each side. | \$7,160 |
| 2. New gate for Lake Lindero Golf Club.                      | \$6,756 |

Change order #1 was requested to improve the appearance of the hanging planters over the channel. Change order #2 was requested, and funded solely by the City of Agoura Hills, in an effort to enhance the aesthetics of the project by replacing the rolling chainlink gate with a

wrought iron gate in between the new trash enclosure and new wrought iron fence to the west. As a result, the total cost of the project was \$137,855. The City's portion for this project totaled \$72,306. Although this figure exceeds the original allocated amount, there are adequate funds available within the City's beautification budget to cover the additional expense.

The work was performed to the satisfaction of staff and is expected to serve both communities well for many years to come.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council:

1. Approve, and accept as complete, the work of Cascade Sprinklers and Nassau Masonry for the Thousand Oaks Boulevard Median Beautification Project; NIB 06-04.