

February 27, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
March 26, 2002

PROPOSED REVISION OF EXISTING MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING NEWSRACKS

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council receive the presentation and provide direction to Staff to return with revisions to the Municipal Code following review by the City Attorney.

Summary:

At the January 16, 2002 meeting of the Public Works Commission, Commissioner Cheatham presented the sub-committee's report recommending the following:

- Changes be made to the Municipal Code, Chapter 12.32 Newsracks
- Revisions be made to the Newsrack Fee Resolution
- Conforming newsracks be purchased for use throughout the City
- Administration of paperwork procedures be developed

In an attempt to enforce the existing Municipal Code with regard to newsracks in the public right-of-way, the Public Works Department inventoried newsracks throughout the City and developed a permit program, which was mailed to distributors and publishers in October, 2000. Many publications responded positively to the program. Unfortunately, it was later determined that the existing criteria could not be completely enforced without causing considerable consternation at all levels.

At the April, 2001 Public Works Commission meeting, Staff requested that the Commission assist in determining whether or not to attempt to relax some of the criteria established in the Municipal Code. A sub-committee was established to work with Staff to review the current criteria for newsracks in the public right-of-way, field check locations, etc. Commissioners Cheatham and Winnek were selected to make up the sub-committee.

Commissioner Charlie Cheatham of the Public Works Commission will be making the presentation this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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