

April 16, 2003

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
April 22, 2003

**REQUEST OF MR. & MRS. HOOSE OF 2059 MONTEREY AVE. TO REDUCE THE
IMPROVED STREET WIDTH OF CIRCLE COURT FROM 40 FEET TO
30 FEET FROM MONTEREY BLVD. TO CIRCLE DRIVE**

Recommendation:

That the City Council review the additional information and drawings and receive any input from others interested in the street width.

Background:

The City Council received this request at the meeting of March 25, 2003. Following a discussion of the request, the City Council directed staff to return with various options for the street width. There are drawings for each of the four options.

Option 1: Shows a 30' roadway off-center. This is basically the request that was made by the applicant. The roadway also basically exists this way now as the north side of the street is already improved. The unused right-of-way would be left on the south side and parking would be allowed on the north side only, the same as the existing condition.

Option 2: Shows a 30' roadway which is centered. This would split the unimproved portion of the right-of-way evenly between the north and south sides. Parking would be allowed on the north side only.

Option 3: Shows a 20' roadway which is centered. Again, this would split the unimproved portion of the right-of-way evening between the north and south side. No parking would be permitted on either side.

Option 4: Shows a 40' roadway which is centered. This would require the improvements to be constructed on the south side of the right-of-way. The north side already has the required improvements. Parking would be permitted on both sides. Some existing encroachments would need to be relocated if full improvements were constructed.

An alternative option to be considered is a 35' roadway which would accommodate parking on both sides of the street while maintaining a minimum unobstructed roadway width of 20' for emergency access, as required by the Uniform Fire Code (Section 902.2.2.2.1).

Staff understands that there are many existing roadways within the city which are 30' (or less) which have parking on both sides of the street. Staff recommends that we adhere to safety codes when considering new streets or reducing the width of existing streets.

All options will require curbs, gutters and sidewalks to be constructed. The right-of-way will remain unchanged. An encroachment permit will have to be issued for any further improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager