

April 3, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
April 9, 2002

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE FIRST ALLEY SOUTH OF 21ST STREET
BETWEEN ARDMORE AVENUE AND AVA AVENUE**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council review, discuss and provide direction as appropriate.

Background:

A wall has been constructed in conjunction with the development of a residential property located between Ardmore Avenue and Ava Avenue immediately south of an alley/drainage swale that runs between Ardmore and Ava south of 21st Street. As the new wall created a visibility constraint at the intersection of the alley and Ardmore Avenue, the City, as a measure to maintain safety at this location, temporarily closed the alley.

The issue of the alley closure was discussed at the February 20 and March 20 meetings of the Public Works Commission, as summarized in the attached Staff reports and minutes. The general consensus of the residents who provided input is that the alley/drainage swale should be re-opened to traffic.

The action recommended by the Public Works Commission was to:

1. Send their recommendation to Council suggesting that Council speak with the developer about lowering the wall so that the alley can be reopened; and
2. Investigate permit parking for the area.

Analysis:

The attached Staff reports and minutes for the February 20 and March 20 Public Works Commission meetings presents the analysis of the alley closure issue. While the Staff recommendation was to close the alley to traffic, the Commission recommendation is to open the alley to through traffic and to work with the property owner/developer to modify the wall to improve visibility.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost of re-opening the alley to traffic is minimal, as the existing barricades are portable. The cost of permanently closing the alley would range from \$500 to \$5,000 depending on the types of barricades and pavement treatment that are selected. The cost of a permit parking program is not yet known.

Attachments:

1. Staff reports for February 20 and March 20, 2002 Public Works Commission meetings.
2. Minutes from February 20 and March 20, 2002 Public Works Commission meetings

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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Noted for fiscal impact:

Concur:

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