

July 17, 2002

Honorable Mayor
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
July 23, 2002

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

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the first alley south of 21st Street between Ardmore Avenue and Ava Avenue be reopened to vehicular traffic.

Summary:

On April 23, 2002 Council reviewed the issue of the temporary closure of the first alley south of 21st Street between Ardmore Avenue and Ava Avenue. After discussing the matter and receiving public input, Council directed Staff to re-open the alley for a 60-day trial period after the damage to the alley had been repaired and to report back to Council at its July 10 [sic] meeting. The meeting minutes are attached for your reference.

At this writing, all damage to the alley related to the improvements of 1949 Ava Avenue has been repaired. Further, according to the Police Department collision data, no traffic accidents have been reported for the intersection of Ardmore Avenue and the alley from 5/17/02 through 7/17/02. Please see Attachment 2. Based on this data, coupled with the fact that staff has not received any requests to close the alley during the same period, staff recommends that the alley remains open.

Background:

On July 3, 2001, Staff ordered the temporary closure to vehicular traffic of the first alley south of 21st Street between Ardmore and Ava Avenues due to the potential for liability for the City. A six-foot high concrete block wall had been constructed along the property lines of 1949 Ava Avenue. Although the wall had been constructed in accordance with the Municipal Code, it had created a potential sight-distance problem at the southeast corner of Ardmore Avenue and the alley.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

- Attachments: 1. Minutes of item 6b of the April 23, 2002 Council meeting
2. Collision Data by location (HBPD)

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Stephen R. Burrell
City Manager

Concur:

Michael Lavin
Chief of Police