

October 22, 2003

Honorable Mayor and Members of  
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of  
October 28, 2003

**A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE VACATION OF A  
PORTION OF PORTER LANE**

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve and adopt the attached City Council Resolution entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH ORDERING THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES THE LAST REMAINING PORTION OF THE SOUTH SIDE OF PORTER LANE BETWEEN MORNINGSIDE DRIVE AND VALLEY DRIVE, AFFECTING LOTS 1 - 7 OF HERMOSA TERRACE ANNEX."

**Background:**

The portion of Porter Lane proposed for vacation lies between Morningside Drive and Valley Drive, the centerline of which is the southern boundary of Valley Park. This portion of Porter Lane is what we refer to as a "paper street", in that it exists on paper only. The City has no plans to construct a street within this right-of-way easement. The Planning Commission confirmed this at its regularly scheduled meeting held on August 19, 2003 by adopting Planning Commission Resolution No. 03-46. The majority of the south side of Porter Lane was already vacated (date uncertain), but for some unknown reason vacation was not completed for seven lots east of Morningside Drive (Please see Attachment 3). The area proposed for vacation lies entirely south of the existing paved walkway entering the park from Morningside Drive and therefore presents no reduction in park area.

**Analysis:**

On September 23, 2003 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 03-6301, stating its intention to vacate said right-of-way and setting the Public Hearing for the proposed street vacation (see attached Resolution No. 03-6301).

All affected public utility companies have been notified of the proposed vacation. Access rights will be preserved for utilities located within the vacation area.

Notices of the vacation were posted as required by law. In accordance with Resolution No. 03-6301, that portion of Porter Lane, as described in the attached resolution, is not needed for circulation or traffic purposes.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Since this item is considered to be a routine item of work, no additional allocation is required.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution No. 03-6301
2. Resolution (proposed)

3. Map

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard D. Morgan, P.E.  
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Concur:

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Stephen R. Burrell  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO. 03 -**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH ORDERING THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES THE LAST REMAINING PORTION OF THE SOUTH SIDE OF PORTER LANE BETWEEN MORNINGSIDE DRIVE AND VALLEY DRIVE, AFFECTING LOTS 1 – 7 OF HERMOSA TERRACE ANNEX**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach did, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2003, adopt Resolution No. 03-6301 declaring its intention to vacate that that portion of the south side of Porter Lane east of Morningside Drive L`yndon affecting Lots 1 – 7 of Hermosa Terrace Annex, is unnecessary for present or prospective public street purposes, and;

**WHEREAS**, notices of said vacation have been posted in the time, form, and manner required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on the matter was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003 as prescribed by law.

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That the portion of the southerly ten feet of Porter Lane, twenty feet wide, adjacent to lots 1 through 7, inclusive, also known as Lot B, Hermosa Park Tract as recorded in Book 8, Page 176 of Maps in the office of the Los Angeles County Recorder is unnecessary for present or prospective public street purposes, and that the public interest, necessity and convenience required that the City Council of said City order the vacation and abandonment of that portion of said street.

**WHEREAS**, said portion of street as above described is shown on the official map of the City of Hermosa Beach, at the office of the City Clerk of said City to which all parties interested are referred for particulars as to the proposed vacation and abandonment, and

**SECTION 2.** The City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach does hereby determine that the public convenience and necessity require that an easement be retained for construction and maintenance of utility lines within the limit of the street vacation as described herein above.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Clerk of the City of Hermosa Beach shall cause a certified copy of said order to be recorded in the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2003**

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PRESIDENT of the CITY COUNCIL and MAYOR of the City of Hermosa Beach, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY CLERK

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CITY ATTORNEY

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