

**TO:** James L. App, City Manager  
**FROM:** Doug Monn, Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** Proposal for Civil Engineering and Surveying Services for Spring and 24<sup>th</sup> Street improvements  
**DATE:** February 20, 2007

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**NEEDS:** For the City Council to consider appropriating funding and authorizing the retention of design services for necessary street improvements at Spring and 24<sup>th</sup> Streets (Flamson School).

- FACTS:**
1. In December 2003, as a result of the San Simeon Earthquake, the Flamson School auditorium and classrooms were damaged beyond repair and were subsequently demolished.
  2. The replacement of the structure will be funded by FEMA; however FEMA's financial assistance is limited to the replacement of the building only. It will not extend to landscaping or public improvements.
  3. The curb, gutter and sidewalk at Spring and 24<sup>th</sup> is quite old and in need of replacement. Additionally, Spring street needs to be widened at this location consistent with the City's adopted plan line.
  4. During the review process associated with the demolition of the Flamson building and the concept/architectural approval of its replacement, City Council pledged its support in the building's reconstruction.
  5. Staff has met with the School District to discuss the needed public improvements and the impacts they will have on improving the circulation at Flamson School and the intersection at 24<sup>th</sup> and Spring Streets.
  6. Staff has also met with, and secured a proposal from, R. Thompson Consulting (RTC), the District's civil engineer responsible for design of the site grading and drainage.
  7. Retaining the same engineer as the District should result in better coordination and integration of design and result in some cost savings by not duplicating work. It also provides an opportunity for the District and the City to partner on design of parent and bus drop offs locations in a manner that will reduce traffic congestion at peak times of operation at this intersection.
  8. RTC proposes to design the offsite improvements for this project for \$26,000.00.

**ANALYSIS &**

**CONCLUSION:** Without assistance from the City, no improvement to the offsite improvements will be implemented. The Flamson building will be constructed using the existing curb, gutter and driveway aprons. As a result traffic patterns and impacts would be as they were historically.

A related project that will be brought to City Council at a future date for consideration will be a request to fund a landscape design and installation for this intersection. The purpose of the design will be to facilitate landscaping of the improved intersection at Spring and 24<sup>th</sup> north to 26<sup>th</sup> street, west to Vine, east to Pine and one block south on Spring. The landscaping would be consistent the City's stated Gateway Design Guidelines as the area is a major entry to the City.

Partnering with the District would provide the opportunity to improve parent/bus drop off areas, traffic circulation during peak periods this intersection and could facilitate implementation of the City's Gateway Design Guidelines at this entry to the City.

**POLICY**

**REFERENCE:** None.

**FISCAL**

**IMPACT:** The proposal from RTC to provide civil engineering services for Spring and 24<sup>th</sup> streets is \$26,000.00. Staff is suggesting an allocation of \$30,000.00 (\$26,000 plus a \$4,000.00 contingency for unforeseen conditions) be allocated for design. The allocation would be taken from General Contingency Funds.

**Options:**

- a). Allocate funding to provide engineering and survey services for spring street and 24<sup>th</sup> Street improvements.
- b.) Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT TO SECURE CIVIL  
ENGINEERING AND SURVEY SERVICES FOR SPRING AND 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
IMPROVEMENTS

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WHEREAS, In December 2003, as a result of the San Simeon Earthquake, the Flamson School auditorium and classrooms were damaged beyond repair and were subsequently demolished and;

WHEREAS, The replacement of the structure will be funded by FEMA; however FEMA's financial assistance is limited to the replacement of the building only. It will not extend to landscaping or public improvements and;

WHEREAS, The curb, gutter and sidewalk at Spring and 24<sup>th</sup> is quite old and in need of replacement. Additionally, Spring street needs to be widened at this location consistent with the City's adopted plan line and;

WHEREAS, City Council has pledged its support in the building's reconstruction and;

WHEREAS, Retaining the same engineer as the District will result in better coordination and integration of design and result in some cost savings by not duplicating work and;

WHEREAS, provide an opportunity for the District and the City to partner to reduce traffic congestion at peak times of operation at this intersection.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Paso Robles does hereby allocate funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 from General Contingency Funds and authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with R. Thompson Consulting (RTC) to provide engineering and survey services for street improvements at Spring and 24<sup>th</sup>

SECTION 2. That the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby appropriate \$30,000 from General Emergency & Contingency Fund to Budget No. 110-910-5452-541 to cover the a contract with R. Thompson Consulting to provide design services for street improvements at Spring and 24<sup>th</sup> Streets.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 20th day of February 2007 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah D. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk