

SPECIAL AGENDA

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002 - 9:30 a.m.
200 North Main Street, 13th Floor, Room 1325
Los Angeles, California 90012

PURSUANT TO COMMISSION POLICY, COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE HEARD ONLY AT THE TIME THE RESPECTIVE ITEM IS CONSIDERED. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON ALL OTHER MATTERS WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD WILL BE HEARD DURING THE "PUBLIC COMMENTS" PERIOD OF THE MEETING. EACH SPEAKER WILL BE GRANTED TWO MINUTES.

1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS:

- 02-118 Approval of A Conditional Gift Agreement Between the City of Los Angeles and the Friends Of The Observatory Regarding the Receipt of Funds and Equipment for the Renovation and Expansion of Griffith Observatory
- 02-119 Santa Ynez Canyon Park - First Amendment to the Shared-Use Agreement with Calvary Church
- 02-120 Authorize the General Manager to Submit Grant Applications in Response to the State of California Proposition 12 Murray Hayden Request for Proposal
- 02-121 Authorize the General Manager to Submit Grant Applications in Response to the State of California Land and Water Conservation Fund Request for Proposal
- 02-122 Release of Monies Withheld Under Contract No. 2797; Algin Sutton Recreation Center - Pool Building Refurbishment (#1639B); Fast E.C.D., Inc.
- 02-123 Acceptance of Stop Notice(s) and Release of Stop Notice(s)

2. NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at 9:30 a.m., Ramona Hall, 4850 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California 90042.

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3. ADJOURNMENT:

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Finalization of Commission Actions: In accordance with City Charter Section 245, actions of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners shall become final at the expiration of the next five meeting days of the Los Angeles City Council during which the Council has convened in regular session.

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the City of Los Angeles and the Friends Of The
Observatory Regarding the Receipt of Funds and
Equipment for the Renovation and Expansion of
Griffith Observatory

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NO. 02-119

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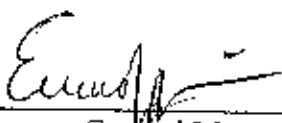
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SUBJECT: SANTA YNEZ CANYON PARK - FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SHARED-USE AGREEMENT WITH CALVARY CHURCH

J. Combs _____
A. Corrales _____
J. Duggan JD
J. Kolb _____

H. Fujita _____
M. Tamuri _____
M. Matthews _____



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the attached First Amendment to the Agreement, executed on July 11, 2001, between the Department of Recreation and Parks of the City of Los Angeles and Calvary Church for the shared use of a portion of Santa Ynez Canyon Park for the purpose of constructing a playing field;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the First Amendment to the City Attorney for review and concurrently to the Mayor, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 16, for review and approval and then to forward said Amendment to the City Council for approval; and
3. Upon obtaining the necessary approvals, authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute said Amendment.

SUMMARY:

At the meeting of June 5, 2001, the City Council approved by Motion a shared-use Agreement between the City, represented by the Department of Recreation and Parks, and Calvary Church, located at 701 Palisades Drive in Pacific Palisades. The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners had earlier approved the Agreement on October 6, 1999 (Report No. 428-99). The Agreement was to extend for twenty-five years after execution with an option to renew for the same period. The intention of the Agreement was to create a playing field from an unimproved hillside portion of Santa Ynez Canyon Park for the mutual benefit of both the public and the Church, which operates a school on their site. Moreover, the Church was to pay for construction and maintenance of both the playing field and a retaining wall on each side of the field.

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Subsequently, the California Coastal Commission at the hearing of December 11, 2001, approved Permit No. 5-01-190 that pertains to the project, subject to the conditions contained in the attached First Amendment. The rest of this Report summarizes the principal conditions imposed by the Commission in the order in which they appear in the document, which was issued March 1, 2002.

- Both Calvary Church and the City are to indemnify the Coastal Commission by means of a recorded deed and lease restriction involving the project site.
- The final design and construction plans are to conform to the recommendations contained in the reports issued by Geosoils Consultants in April 2000, revised in March 2001, and with the requirements of the City Department of Building and Safety, issued in July 2000.
- Maintenance of the project site is to include debris removal and the repair of drains as required by the City Bureau of Engineering in July 2000.
- The Church is required to expand public access to the playing field by providing at least sixty-five days of usage controlled by the City Department of Recreation and Parks. In addition, the church will irrevocably dedicate to the City approximately 21,910 square feet of additional open space. When the Church expands its existing parking lot, the design must incorporate "best management practices" intended to minimize runoff volume and pollutants.
- The City and the Church are to submit a plan for soil grading, landscaping and drainage/erosion-control, partly specified by the Coastal Commission. The plan must meet the approval of the City Fire Department. Five years after the date of final inspection of the project construction, the City and the Church are to submit to the Coastal Commission a landscape monitoring report that documents adherence to the plan.

The Superintendent of Pacific Region and the Assistant General Manager of Planning and Construction concur with staff's recommendations.

This report was prepared by Joan Reitzel, Senior Management Analyst in the Real Estate and Asset Management Division.

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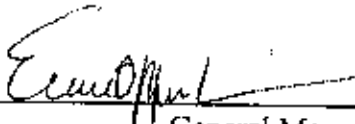
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS
IN RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 12 MURRAY
HAYDEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

J. Combs _____
A. Corrales _____
J. Duggan _____
J. Kolb _____

H. Fujita _____
M. Tamuri WJ
M. Matthews _____



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the development and submission of twelve grant (12) proposals (Attachment 1) to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Proposition 12 Murray Hayden Request for Proposal;
2. Authorize the General Manager to sign and transmit the proposals;
3. Authorize the General Manager to sign a letter of support for the Los Angeles Unified School District proposal for the LACES Projects;
4. Authorize the General Manager to sign a letter of support and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Police Activity League for the proposal at Hollywood Recreation Center; and,
5. Authorize the General Manager to represent the Department in accepting grant awards, and negotiating and executing any resulting agreements.

SUMMARY:

The State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, has issued a Request for Proposal for the Proposition 12 Murray Hayden Program. The Murray Hayden Program allocates funds on a statewide competitive basis to provide grant funding for capital projects, including parks, park facilities, environmental enhancements projects, youth centers and environmental youth service

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centers. Proposed projects must be within the immediate proximity of a neighborhood that has been identified by the state as having a critical lack of parks and/or open space and/or deteriorated park facilities. Proposed projects should be in an area of significant poverty and unemployment, and have a shortage of services for youth.

Priority shall be given to capital projects that employ neighborhood residents and at-risk youth. Eligible applicants include: Heavily urbanized counties: Counties with a population of 750,000 or more; Heavily Urbanized Cities: Cities with a population of 200,000 or more, or cities within a heavily Urbanized County; Non Profit Organizations, Eligible Districts, and Federally recognized California Indian Tribes within Heavily Urbanized Counties or Heavily Urbanized Cities.

There is \$43 million available statewide. The minimum grant award is \$50,000 and the maximum grant award is \$3 million. At least \$15,000,000 will be made available for grant awards up to \$500,000. The remaining funds will be available for grant awards up to \$3 million. The state requires a 3/7 match for each grant awarded.

The Department has identified twelve projects for submission to the state. Each of the twelve projects was selected based upon the availability matching of funds for the projects, the competitiveness of the projects, and the need for the funding to complete a current on-going capital project. Attachment 1 provides the list of projects.

In addition to the twelve proposals the Department is submitting, the Department is supporting two projects that will be submitted by other organizations:

1. Los Angeles Unified School District - Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies. This school has no park space to provide physical education activities for the students. The Department is partnering with the LAUSD to build park facilities that will be utilized for the students during regular school hours and managed by the department after school and on weekends. The City has allocated prior Proposition K and Proposition A funds for the recreation master plan at LACES.
2. Police Activity League (PAL) Hollywood Recreation Center - The Police Activity League (PAL) has been a collaborating partner with the Hollywood Recreation Center providing after school programs for the youth at the Center. PAL, along with other interested community groups and residents, has formed an umbrella group for the purpose of raising funds to implement a master plan for the Center. PAL is proposing to submit a grant to the State to construct recreational facilities that will be jointly operated by PAL and other collaborating partners. PAL has the matching funds and the Department is requesting that the Board of Commissioners authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement to support the submission of the proposal by PAL.

The deadline for submission of the proposals is May 1, 2002.

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CEQA Requirements

Prior to undertaking the activities for which the grant is being sought, the City as lead agency for the project(s) must perform, complete and certify the adequacy of the environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As a result of the information obtained by means of the CEQA process, the Commission may modify, condition or disapprove the project(s) and nothing herein shall limit the Commission's exercise of their independent judgement and discretion with respect to the project(s). The project(s) will come back to the Commission for further review and consideration after completion of the CEQA process. Each of the twelve projects listed in Attachment I will be reviewed by our Environmental Affairs Division for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Murray Hayden request for proposal requires the following of all applicants:

"At the time of application, the applicant must provide, at a minimum, either (1) a Notice of Exemption filed with the County Clerk, or (2) an initial study with a description of how the applicant will comply with CEQA. The applicant has one year from the date of announcement of grant award to complete the CEQA process."

The Department will fully comply with all CEQA requirements for the subject projects. The Los Angeles Unified School District and the Police Activity League will be preparing their own CEQA documents.

Prepared by Steve Uranga, Senior Management Analyst II.

PROPOSITION 12 MURRAY-HAYDEN PROPOSAL LISTING

#	CD	Name of Project	Description	Preliminary Amount*
1	1	Downey Recreation Center	Construction of childcare center	\$477,171
2	1	Echo Park	Construction of childcare center	\$436,357
3	6	Van Ness Recreation Center	New community center	\$2,000,000
4	7	Hansen Dam Recreation Area	New boundless playground and restroom	\$700,000
5	8	Denker Recreation Center	New community center	\$2,100,000
6	9	Ross Snyder Recreation Center	New community center	\$346,930
7	10	Rancho Cienega Recreation Center	New childcare center	\$250,000
8	11	Delano Recreation Center	New community center	\$1,538,000
9	13	Temple Beverly Park	New recreation center	\$2,000,000
10	14	Yucca Recreation Center	New community center	\$500,000
11	14	Evergreen Recreation Center	New childcare center	\$518,000
12	15	Imperial Courts	New community center	\$1,000,000

*Amount requested may change based upon final cost estimates.

Proposed Partnerships

1. CD-10 - Los Angeles Unified School District - Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES)
2. CD13 - Police Activity League - Hollywood Recreation Center

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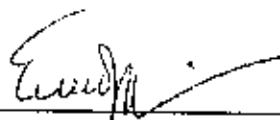
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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS
IN RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA LAND AND WATER
CONSERVATION FUND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

J. Combs _____
A. Corrales _____
J. Duggan _____
J. Kolb _____

H. Fujita _____
M. Tamuri _____
M. Matthews _____



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the development and submission of three (3) proposals to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the 2001 Land and Water Conservation Fund Program;
2. Authorize the General Manager to sign and transmit the proposals; and,
3. Authorize the General Manager to represent the Department in accepting grant awards, and negotiating and executing any resulting agreements.

SUMMARY:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Program provides funds to federal agencies, and to the 50 states and six territories. The money allocated to the States may be used for statewide planning, and for acquiring and developing outdoor recreational areas and facilities.

The program, which is administered nationally by the National Park Service (NPS), became effective in January of 1965, and was initially authorized a twenty-five period, and has been extended for another twenty-five years to January 2015. Under the provisions of the California Outdoor Recreation Resources Plan Act of 1967, the expenditure of funds allocated to California is administered by the State Liaison Officer (SLO), who is the Director of the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Funds for the program are derived from federal recreation fees, sales of federal surplus real property, the federal motorboat fuels tax and the Outer Continental Shelf mineral receipts.

Not less than 40% of the funds available each year are retained by the federal government to be used by federal agencies in acquiring lands for outdoor recreation purposes. Generally, the remaining 40% is allocated to the 50 states and 6 territories, on a formula basis that takes into consideration population and other factors. The costs of preparing the Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Resources Plan and the State Liaison Officer's Contingency Fund are deducted from California's apportionment. The balance of the annual allotment is divided, 60% to local agencies and 40% to state agencies.

Local agencies eligible to share in the fund are counties, cities, recreation and park districts and special districts with authority to acquire, develop, operate and maintain public park and recreation areas.

The LWCF program is limited to outdoor recreation purposes and to indoor facilities which support outdoor recreation activities. This is a reimbursement program. Applicants are expected to finance the entire project. Fifty percent of the actual expenditures up to the support ceiling of the grant will be refunded when the project is completed. The cost estimate submitted in the application will determine the support ceiling.

Proposals will be evaluated based upon the completeness, accuracy, and above all, its ability to meet the recreation needs of the community. For development projects that are awarded LWCF funds, plans and specifications must be approved by the state before advertising for bids.

The Department has selected three projects to be submitted under this LWCF program.

1. Griffith Park and Delano Recreation Center - Synthetic Soccer Fields

The Department will be requesting funds to construct synthetic soccer fields at Griffith Park and Delano Recreation Center. This will be a pilot program which will test a new material on the market that can withstand the wear and tear of soccer on fields. Regular soccer fields are very expensive to maintain and the Department is trying out new methods for potential use at other sites.

2. Camp Radford

The Department operates a high mountain camp in the San Bernadino mountains that has been closed for over ten years. The Landers earthquake in 1992 forced the department to close the site. The Department will be requesting funding to implement the improvements to the registration building and dormitories. The Department operates the camp under a lease agreement with the United States Department of Forestry Service.

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Environmental Requirements

Prior to undertaking the activities for which the grant is being sought, the City as lead agency for the project(s) must perform, complete and certify the adequacy of the environmental review in accordance with the California's Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As a result of the information obtained by means of the CEQA process, the Commission may modify, condition or disapprove the project(s) and nothing herein shall limit the Commission's exercise of their independent judgement and discretion with respect to the project(s). The project(s) will come back to the Commission for further review and consideration after completion of the CEQA process.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund program requires applicants to comply with both the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Verification that the requirements have been met must occur before the project proposal can be considered for funding.

Prepared by Steve Uranga, Senior Management Analyst II.

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SUBJECT: Release of Monies Withheld Under Contract No. 2797; Algin Sutton Recreation Center - Pool Building Refurbishment #1639B; Fast E.C.D., Inc.

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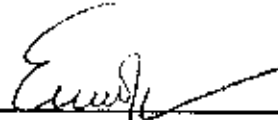
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J. Duggan _____

M. Matthews _____

J. Kolb _____



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve the release of retention monies and payment be made as follows:

1. Pay \$17,500.00 to Gulf Insurance Co.
c/o Booth, Mitchel & Strange LLP, Attorneys
701 South Parker Street, Suite 6500
Orange, CA 92856-8155
Attention: Mr. Craig E. Guenther
2. Pay \$5,725.22 to Diamond Electric
c/o Law Offices of Margaret A. Jewett
1950 East Chapman Avenue, Suite One
Fullerton, CA 92831-0800
3. Pay \$59,051.78 jointly to Feldman and Associates, Inc.
Client Trust Account and Fast E.C.D., Inc.
c/o Feldman & Associates, Inc., Attorney at Law
11030 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 109
Los Angeles, CA 90025.

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SUMMARY:

The Department is in receipt of a communication from the City Attorney's Office requesting that retention monies previously withheld in connection with a lawsuit between Fast E.C.D., Inc. and City of Los Angeles, LASC #BC251995, to satisfy claims from Diamond Electric and the Surety, Gulf Insurance Co., be released as indicated above.

On August 20, 1997, the Board awarded Contract No. 2797 to Fast E.C.D., Inc. for the Algin Sutton Recreation Center - Pool Building Refurbishment (1639D). Subsequently, Diamond Electric filed stop notices in the amounts of \$5,691.17 and \$15,330.64. The Department's accounting staff was notified to withhold these amounts, plus an additional 25 percent if available. Neither stop notice from Diamond Electric was perfected by a lawsuit. However, as indicated by the City Attorney's Office, settlement was reached between Fast E.C.D., Inc. and Diamond Electric and, therefore, Fast E.C.D., Inc. has requested payment to Diamond Electric in the amount of \$5,725.22.

At its meeting held August 9, 2000, the Board accepted the work on this project as complete and Fast E.C.D., Inc. was furnished with a letter of completion. However, on September 13, 2000, the Board received a letter from Booth, Mitchel & Strange LLP, representing Gulf Insurance Co., Surety on the above-mentioned project, requesting that all contract funds and/or retention payable to Fast E.C.D., Inc. be released to Gulf Insurance pursuant to its rights under the General Agreement of Indemnity executed by the General Contractor in favor of Gulf Insurance Co. The reason being that Gulf Insurance Co. has been obligated to pay claims and has incurred losses and expenses by reason of the general contractor's failure to pay its subcontractors and material suppliers on the subject project. Subsequently, Fast E.C.D., Inc. filed a lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles.

Upon the advice of the City Attorney, it is now in order to release funds as recommended.

Prepared by Petrona Johnson

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Stop Notice(s) and
Release(s) of Stop Notice(s)

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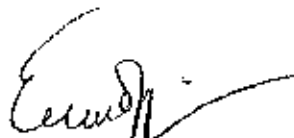
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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

1. With regard to the stop notice(s), the contractor(s) and other interested parties be notified that the amount(s) of said claim(s), if available, and an additional sum equal to 25 percent thereof to defray any costs of litigation in the event of court action, will be withheld thereunder; and
2. That the Release(s) of Stop Notice(s) be accepted.
3. That in accordance with the advice of the City Attorney, the Bond(s) to Release be accepted and the contractor(s), bonding company(s), and others be notified accordingly; and

SUMMARY:

STOP NOTICES

The Department is in receipt of Notice(s) to Withhold Funds on the contract(s) indicated below:

Contract 2953

Eagle Rock Recreation Center -	Claimant: Robertson's
Childcare Center (#1628D);	Amount: \$6,394.84
Povac Investments, Inc.	

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Contract 2964

Echo Park Area - Childcare
Center (#1607D) - Rine
Development, Inc.

Claimant: Highland Engineering
Contractors
Amount: \$45,331.50

Contract 2965

Glassell Park - Childcare
Center (#1753B) - Rine
Development, Inc.

Claimant: OJ Insulation Co.,
Inc.
Amount: \$5,096.00

Claimant: Highland Engineering
Contractors
Amount: \$39,981.42

Contract 2857

C.D.D./Y.O.U. Alternative High
School and Childcare (#1724C);
Reza, Inc./DBA Construction
Co., Inc.

Claimant: Kitcor Corporation
Amount: \$47,832.00

RELEASES

The Department is in receipt of a Release(s) of Stop Notice(s), previously filed by the claimant(s) listed below, which release(s) the Board from any and all liability from withholding any monies from the general contractor(s):

Contract 2976

MacArthur Park - Outdoor
Improvements North of Wilshire
(#1227E) - Ecology
Construction, Inc

Claimant: Hanover Specialties,
Inc.
Amount: \$23,504.58

Claimant: Blue Diamond
Materials
Amount: \$1,975.44

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Contract 2965

Glassell Park - Childcare
Center (#1753B) - Rine
Development, Inc.

Claimant: Mid-West Wholesale
Lighting
Amount: \$31,102.37

Contract 2827

Pacific Palisades Recreation
Center - New Gymnasium; BEGL
Construction Co., Inc.

Claimant: Valencia Sheet
Metal, Inc.
Amount: \$11,540.96

Contract 3009

MacArthur Park - Facility
Improvements (#1841A); Shefir
Construction Company

Claimant: Conserv
Environmental
Amount: \$38,858.00

BONDS TO RELEASE MONIES WITHHELD ON CLAIM

The Department is in receipt of a Bond(s) to Release Money Withheld on Claim in an amount(s) which is/are one and one-quarter times the amount of the claim(s) filed as indicated below:

Contract 2949

Pan Pacific Park Recreation
Center - New Community Building
Improvements (#1710B) - Pinner
Construction Company, Inc.

Claimant: Quality Air Systems,
Inc.
Amount: 19,537.76

Principal: Pinner Construction
Company, Inc.

Surety: American Motorists
Insurance Company

This/these Bond(s) is/are filed in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, which states when such a bond is executed with the permission of the Board, the money shall be released. This/these Bond(s) has/have been approved as to form by the City Attorney.

Prepared by Petrona Johnson