



Board Agenda Item 40

DATE: December 13, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Steven E. White, Director
Department of Public Works and Planning

SUBJECT: Budget Resolution - Courthouse Park Improvements

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Adopt Budget Resolution increasing FY 2016-17 appropriations and estimated revenues for Org 7910, Parks and Grounds in the amount of \$150,531 for facility improvements to Courthouse Park. (4/5 vote)

Approval of the recommended action will authorize the Department of Public Works and Planning, Resources Division to make improvements to Courthouse Park utilizing the proceeds from the easements granted to the City of Fresno and PG&E on November 15, 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If the recommended action is not approved, the proposed improvements will be deferred.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase to Net County Cost. Approval of recommended action will increase FY 2016-17 appropriations and estimated revenues in the Public Works and Planning, Resources Division - Parks and Grounds Org 7910 by \$150,531 using easement proceeds to fund the Courthouse Park facility improvements.

DISCUSSION:

On November 15, 2016, your Board executed deed easements, a temporary construction easement and agreements for the purchase and sale, and other related documents to grant the easements on behalf of the County to the City of Fresno. The agreements specified the City of Fresno pay \$131,100 to purchase eight permanent easements and \$19,431 for the purchase of two temporary construction easements to be used by PG&E to reconstruct the existing bus shelters located within Courthouse Park.

County staff proposes to use \$150,531 for facility improvements within Courthouse Park including the purchase and installation of six concrete picnic tables and concrete pads, repair of damaged sidewalks, replacement of 10 concrete benches, replacement of 14 bollards, replacement of trees and improvements to the irrigation system.

The existing irrigation system is antiquated, costly to maintain and inefficient. The repairs to the irrigation system will include the installation of new valves, timers, and sprinklers to lower maintenance costs and conserve water while maintaining the appearance of the park. There are several areas where the sidewalks are uneven to the degree that they pose a tripping hazard to pedestrians making their way through the park. The proposed sidewalk repairs will include the installation of root barriers and will improve public safety. Over the course of many years, several of the concrete park benches have been damaged by falling trees and vandalism.

This proposal will replace the damaged benches, improving the appearance of the park. The addition of concrete picnic tables will also improve the public's enjoyment of this space.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #47, November 15, 2016

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Budget Resolution

CAO ANALYST:

John Hays