



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2020

TO: CITY COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY: KENNETH A. DOMER, CITY MANAGER

PREPARED BY: ADAM LOESER, FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: CONTRIBUTION FROM CHEVRON FOR FIRE
DEPARTMENT ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE

SUMMARY

The initial trail development within the Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve, as conditioned by the approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 17609, has commenced with grading set to begin in early November. In addition to providing the Type-3 fire engine originally agreed upon, Chevron / Pacific Coast Homes have also agreed to provide a significant contribution towards the purchase of a specialized rescue / all-terrain vehicle as a means for first responders to access the area for rescues and medical emergencies.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize City Manager to accept funds from Chevron on behalf of City and appropriate receipt and uses of funds to purchase specialized rescue / utility all-terrain vehicle (ATV) required for early access to "West Coyote Hills Initial Trails".

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

The contribution is for \$35,000.00 (cost of vehicle with specialized modifications). Long-term maintenance and repair for the ATV is expected to result in an annual fiscal impact of \$500 which will be absorbed within the Fire Department equipment allocation.

DISCUSSION

City Council adopted Resolution No. 2015-62 on November 17, 2015, approving Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 17609 and all conditions therein. A condition of approval required the property owner to provide the Fire Department a "Type 3 Brush Engine" allowing off road access to the area during and after the development of the property prior to grading permit approval. As the grading permit was being reviewed by the Fire Department, it was concluded that the construction of the emergency access roads accommodating a full size fire apparatus were to be delayed longer than anticipated. In addition, the build time for the type-3 brush engine would likely result in a six to twelve-month delay. Chevron / Pacific Coast Homes is obligated and has begun the "initial trails" construction within the Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve, which will improve and enhance public access to the eastern portion of the West Coyote Hills by the trails completion in Spring 2021. As a means to ensure public safety of those utilizing the trails, and due to changed conditions of approval related to the City's purchase of Neighborhoods 1 and 3 which removed certain right-of-way improvements along Euclid Street because of no residential development on the east side, Chevron / Pacific Coast Homes agreed to provide \$35,000 to purchase a specialized rescue / all-terrain vehicle (ATV) in order to provide quick and safe access for public safety during medical and other emergency response situations. The ATV will allow the Fire Department to access hikers or other recreational trail users in a quick and safe way, provide medical treatment and transport a person out of the wildland area.

The Coyote Hills area is home to over 500 acres of currently undeveloped wildland urban interface (WUI). WUI is a fire service term used to define urban areas intermixed with land vulnerable to wildfire scenarios. The specialized ATV will provide early and consistent access for fire department personnel for reasons such as:

- Off-road medical emergencies
- Fire pre-planning and reconnaissance
- Fire fuel mitigation
- Equipment hauling to off-road training and emergency scenes
- Heavy rescue operations
- Patient packaging and hauling to waiting ambulances
- Large incident overhaul logistics

It is the Fire Department's mission to respond to emergent and non-emergent needs without delay. This vehicle will offer the advantages of a smaller, more mobile and more versatile means of response while full access fire apparatus roads are constructed and Chevron provides the funding for an agreed upon type-3 brush engine. With the specialty mission these vehicles serve, it is imperative to seek specifications relevant to both the geography of the area and the exact needs of the department. There is opportunity to purchase a stock ATV and modify it ourselves, however, this would likely result in an extended time delay and increased costs. It is the intent of the Fullerton Fire Department to implement this asset prior to, or simultaneous to, the start of grading. This will ensure access to site workers and members of the community alike.

The fire department seeks to work with one of the few companies who produce a prebuilt ATV for fire / rescue purposes through a sole source purchase. ATV Corp. has been identified in the local Orange County area as meeting our high performance needs. Due to their proprietary patient loading, expanded cargo, increased suspension, strengthened components and increased wheel and tire capability configurations, we will pursue their ATV along with their expedited build time. The builder being local will allow the City easy access to warranty maintenance or repairs and will cut down delivery time.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – All-Terrain Vehicle Specification Sheet