

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # B-4

Urgent ☐

Routine ☒

AGENDA DATE September 28, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES ☒ NO ☐
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES ☐ NO ☒

SUBJECT:

Consideration of an Updated Funding Request from the City of Modesto to Share the Cost of a "Measure M" Vote for the Parklawn Neighborhood, to be Placed on the November 2, 2010 Ballot

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval to reimburse the City of Modesto from the Community Support Fund in an amount up to 50%, but not to exceed \$16,500, of the cost of a "Measure M" vote for the Parklawn Neighborhood, to be placed on the November 2, 2010 ballot.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of Modesto initially estimated the cost of the election to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Based on recent correspondence from the City, updated information from the County Elections Office places the cost estimate at \$33,000. The City of Modesto has, during the City Council Meeting of July 13, 2010, requested that staff place a "Measure M" vote for the Parklawn Neighborhood on the November 2, 2010 ballot, with the condition that the cost of the election would be shared by Stanislaus County, City of Modesto and residents of the Parklawn Neighborhood. Because funding sources from the Parklawn Neighborhood are unknown at this time, this request is to fund up to 50% of the cost of the election.

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-607

On motion of Supervisor DeMartini, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Grover

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

FISCAL IMPACT (Continued):

The revised County portion is now estimated at \$16,500. Approval of the City's request would increase from \$7,500 to \$16,500 the County's portion of the elections cost, an overall increase of \$9,000 from the original estimate approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 27, 2010. Funding is, with the Board's support, available in the Community Support Fund to address this request.

DISCUSSION:

There is in place in the City of Modesto the Citizens Advisory Growth Management Act of 1995, commonly known as "Measure M". This Measure states that the City Council shall not approve, authorize, or appropriate funds for sewer improvements without first holding an advisory election as provided by California Elections Code section 9603. During its City Council Meeting of July 13, 2010, the City Council took action to request that staff place a "Measure M" vote for the Parklawn Neighborhood on the November 2, 2010 ballot with the condition that the cost of election would be shared by Stanislaus County, City of Modesto and residents of the Parklawn Neighborhood.

Because funding sources from the Parklawn Neighborhood residents remain unknown at this time, County staff is requesting that the County authorize funding up to 50% of the cost of the election. The City initially estimated the cost of the election at approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000. The County Elections Office has recently provided an updated estimate of \$33,000. Based on this information, the County portion could be up to \$16,500, an increase of \$9,000 from the initial estimate. Funding is, with the Board's approval, available in the Community Support Fund to address this request.

While holding a "Measure M" election is required for the City of Modesto to consider extending sewer improvements to the Parklawn neighborhood, it is important to note that resources have not been identified to address the costs associated with the infrastructure improvements themselves. The requested action does not provide for the funding needed to install the infrastructure itself.

POLICY ISSUES:

While the election itself has no impact on addressing infrastructure issues in the Parklawn neighborhood, it would satisfy the City's requirements that a "Measure M" election be held and that the County participate in funding the costs associated with the election. As funds are identified, the development of infrastructure improvements in County Islands would support the Board's priority of A Well Planned Infrastructure, A Healthy Community, A Safe Community, and Effective Partnerships.

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STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

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September 22, 2010

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Gentlemen:

We appreciate the County Supervisors voting to pay up to 50%, not to exceed \$7,500, for the costs associated with placing Measure L on the ballot this November. At the time we requested your one-third participation in the cost sharing of this ballot question we were unable to obtain an estimate from the Stanislaus County Clerk and Records Office, therefore we estimated the cost at \$15,000. Recently, we have been notified by the County Clerk that the cost would be \$33,000 to place this item on the ballot.

We are sending both the County and the Parkland Neighborhood Association letters requesting a one-third cost share of the County Clerk's cost estimate, which would be \$11,000 each for the City, Parklawn Neighborhood and the County. We plan to discuss this issue at the October 5, 2010, City Council Meeting and request a response from you by September 29, 2010.

Please accept our apologies for requesting this additional \$3,500 cost sharing with such short notice. We appreciate your partnership to assist us in funding this important Measure.

Sincerely,

JIM RIDENOUR, Mayor