

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager
DATE: March 4, 2010
SUBJECT: Comments on Agenda Items, Meeting of March 9, 2010

ITEM 9.A. The City Council will recognize youth sports volunteer Manuel Gil. Manny works at Maxwell Elementary School and in his free time, he volunteers to organize and coach children at his school so that they may participate in our youth sports leagues. He recruits as many as four teams of children each season. Manny's commitment extends beyond coaching, to conducting fundraisers to help pay for the children's registration fees. He is a role model for the children he works with, and a positive influence on everyone who works with him.

ITEM 9.B. Staff will provide an update on all activities pertaining to the development of the City's Youth and Family Master Plan.

ITEM 12.F. (Consent Calendar) At the last City Council meeting, the Council approved the installation of restrooms at Otis Gordon Sports Park. Since the current Satellite Park Lease Agreement only has 18 years left on it, the City and the Duarte Unified School District must amend the lease. The proposed amendment will extend the lease to 25 years from the date of signing. The amendment will also be on the Duarte Unified School District Board agenda for its March 11 meeting.

ITEM 12.I. (Consent Calendar) In follow-up to the recent City Council workshop on the Traffic Safety Commission's draft report establishing a comprehensive policy regulating the installation of speed tables, a resolution adopting the policy is considered for approval.

ITEM 14. This item is for the City Council to receive and file an update on the status of the delayed Encanto Park Nature Walk project. The project's design includes the construction of a bio-swale along the southerly and westerly edge of Encanto Park. The existing decomposed grant path in this area will be relocated in order to accommodate the new swale. Also included in the plan are new drainage structures, an outdoor classroom consisting of a kiosk with educational information and a seat wall, new irrigation, and new landscaping.

On February 10, 2009, the City Council awarded the project to America West Landscape, Inc., for the base bid price plus certain alternates, for a total cost of \$424,555.47. With the ongoing State budget crisis freezing certain bond funds, the project could not proceed in early 2009. America West stated that they would honor their bid for one year initially, and then an additional three months. Recently, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy notified the City that the grant had been reinstated. With the submittal of the America West Landscape extension letters and their breakdown for the additional prevailing wage costs (\$6,689.43), America West landscape has fulfilled the contract amendment requirements and is ready and willing to begin construction on the project. Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file this memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell J. George
City Manager