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Staff Report

Item # 6

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Ray Greenlee, Maintenance Division Superintendent
Date: June 13, 2011
Subject: Assessment Protest Hearing and Certification – 1750 W. Bush Street

Background

The replacement of damaged curb, gutter and sidewalk along 1750 W. Bush Street has been completed. The property owner who had sidewalk that needed to be replaced was sent letters allowing them to have the work completed. Property owner chose not to have the work done themselves so City Staff then solicited bids to have the damaged sidewalk, and/or curb and gutter replaced.

The work was completed in April, 2011. All work was inspected by City Staff prior to pouring concrete and after and found to be in compliance with construction standards. The property owners were mailed letters informing them of their assessment based on the cost of concrete improvements constructed adjacent to their property. The letter also included the options they have for payment, which are outlined below:

1. Pay the full assessment due to the City within 10 days of their certification by the Council.
2. Borrow all or part of the balance due from the City's revolving loan fund. These loans can run up to a five year term, carry a seven percent (7%) interest rate and are payable monthly. This loan is secured with a lien against the property.
3. Have all or part of the assessment placed on the County Assessor's tax rolls for collection. This method gives the property owner up to ten years to pay, also with a seven percent (7%) interest rate. This assessment also carries a lien against the property.

Staff has prepared a resolution for the assessment for the cost of concrete improvements. Property owners will have the opportunity to appear before the Council to contest the amount of their assessment. If protests are received, the Council has the option to change, or leave as set any assessments they wish.

Budget Impact:

The City paid the contractor \$5,725 from Miscellaneous Street Capital Improvement Program which is to be reimbursed by property owners.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council, by motion, approve Resolution 2011-23 certifying the sidewalk, curb and gutter assessments at 1750 W. Bush Street.