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Staff Report

ITEM 31

To: Lemoore City Council
From: David Wlaschin, Public Works/Planning Director
Date: September 12, 2013
Subject: Abandonment of West Bush Street Right of Way

Discussion

City staff has been approached by Tim Palmquist, representing Pharris Lemoore, LLC, about the abandonment of the West Bush Street Right of Way west of West Hills College.

Mr. Palmquist attended the regular meeting of the City Council December 20, 2011 and requested the abandonment of the westerly portion of Bush Street as depicted in Vesting Tentative Tract #845, also known as Victory Village. The City Council at that time approved Resolution # 2011-48 (Attached) which allowed Mr. Palmquist to pursue the General Plan Amendment, revised Subdivision Map and Street Abandonment of West Bush Street.

Resolution # 2011-48 allowed Mr. Palmquist to pursue the General Plan conformity with the Planning Commission. If found to be in conformity with the General Plan, the abandonment could then be brought to City Council for consideration. However, Mr. Palmquist did not follow up with the Planning Department and after four months of attempting to complete the process, the Planning Department dropped it from the Planning Commission Agenda.

Recently, in order to complete the sale of the property to the Navy, Mr. Palmquist has requested that staff complete the abandonment of West Bush Street. Steve Brandt has begun the General Plan Review, but that is a three month process and the abandonment would be done once the General Plan Amendment was completed. This was described in City Council Resolution # 2011-48.

Council can choose to follow the steps described in Resolution # 2011-48 which allows the standard process for abandonment or set a Public Hearing for Right of Way Abandonment prior to the Planning Commission General Plan conformity determination and have the General Plan Amendment follow the Abandonment.

Budget Impact

None

Recommendation

That Council allow Mr. Palmquist to move forward with the sale of the property and direct staff to schedule a Public Hearing for October 1, 2013 for the Abandonment of the West Bush Street Right of Way, west of West Hills College as described in Parcel Map 18-6.