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Staff Report

ITEM NO. 2-8

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Darrell Smith, Chief of Police 
Date: March 31, 2015 **Meeting Date:** April 7, 2015
Subject: Street Closure - Lemoore Festa Parade on May 31, 2015

Discussion:

Dan LeRoy, the Facilities Manager for the Lemoore Trinity Association, submitted a written request to the City Council for street closures as well as police officers to assist with the annual Portuguese Festa Parade, which will be on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. He is proposing that the parade start at Saint Peter's Catholic Church (870 N. Lemoore Avenue) and end at the Lemoore Trinity Association (470 Champion Street). The proposed route is as follows:

- 1 – Saint Peter's Church south on Bella Madre to E. Cinnamon Drive
- 2 – E. Cinnamon Drive west to Follett Street (crossing N. Lemoore Avenue)
- 3 – Follett Street south to W. Bush Street
- 4 – W. Bush Street west to Champion Street
- 5 – Champion Street south to the dead end of Champion Street (470 Champion Street)

Mr. LeRoy is requesting that four police officers be assigned to the parade to handle the traffic control during the parade, especially at the intersections. Traffic will only be affected while the parade is in progress. Once the parade passes a street or intersection then traffic will resume as normal in that area so there is not a need for any street closure signage.

For the past three years this request has been made and approved by the City Council. The police department has provided four police officers on overtime, which has been reimbursed by the Lemoore Trinity Association, as well as Volunteers in Policing to handle the traffic control. Streets were only closed during the parade and it was not posted with "No Parking" signs so no vehicles have been towed. This procedure has worked and seems to have the least inconvenience to the motoring public while still providing safety for those participating in the parade, the VIPs, and the officers. In his request, Mr. LeRoy wrote that the Lemoore Trinity Association will assume the extra expenses incurred by the Lemoore Police Department.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

That the Lemoore City Council, by motion, approve the street closure as requested for the Festa Parade on May 31, 2015.