MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: WHITNEY MCDONALD, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
BILL ROBESON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

BY: ROBIN DICKERSON, CITY ENGINEER

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EAST CHERRY AVENUE FROM TRAFFIC WAY TO PACIFIC COAST RAILWAY ON SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2020 OR SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

DATE: MARCH 10, 2020

SUMMARY OF ACTION:
East Cherry Avenue from Traffic Way to Pacific Coast Railway will be temporarily closed on March 22, 2020 or March 29, 2020.

IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:
Except for minor staff time to help coordinate the closure, all expenses for the temporary road closure will be borne by the developer, Wathen Castanos Homes.

RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the temporary closure of East Cherry Avenue from Traffic Way to Pacific Coast Railway requested by Wathen Castanos Homes to slurry seal that section of road.

BACKGROUND:
Tract 3081 is a 54 lot subdivision consisting of 51 single family homes and a park site, located on the south side of East Cherry Avenue near Pacific Coast Railway. The developer, Wathen Castanos Homes (Wathen), is nearing the completion of construction of the public improvements.

California Vehicle Code Section 21101(e) authorizes municipalities to close any street temporarily for celebrations or other local special events or other purposes when in the opinion of the local authorities having jurisdiction such closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closing and such closing must be adopted and provided for by resolution.

The City Council approved General Plan Amendment 15-001, Specific Plan 15-001, Conditional Use Permit 15-004, and Vesting Tentative Tract Map 15-001 on January 10,
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2017. As part of this approval process, Conditions of Approval were imposed on Tract 3081.

ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:
Condition No. 65 requires the developer to “Slurry seal (type2) any roads dedicated to the City prior to acceptance by the City.” Improvement plans for Tract 3081 were prepared and approved by the City on September 19, 2018, showing the slurry seal being completed prior to acceptance of the public improvements by the City. Wathen has scheduled the slurry seal on East Cherry Avenue for Sunday March 22, 2020, weather permitting. Slurry seal applications require warm, dry weather (morning temperatures in the 50+ range). The warmer the weather, the faster the drying time. The slurry seal will be applied to the entire width (from lip of gutter to lip of gutter) of East Cherry Avenue from Traffic Way to Pacific Coast Railway. The slurry seal itself will require some inconvenience to the residents whether it be a full or partial closure. Full closure will have the least impact as construction will be completed in one day. Partial closures will involve two to three days. After reviewing all of their options, Wathen Castanos Homes selected a Sunday slurry seal to support the request of the 5 Cities Swim Club to do the work on Sunday when it would be least impactful to the users of the Swim Club.

The request for the temporary road closure accommodates the operating hours of the 5 Cities Swim Club located on the northeast corner of Traffic Way and East Cherry Avenue. The Swim Club operates Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm. The Swim Club has a single parking lot which has two points of ingress and egress onto East Cherry Avenue. Because of the close proximity of the two Swim Club parking lot entrances and Traffic Way, there is no clear way to phase the slurry seal and leave one of the entrances open. The Swim Club serves the elderly, some with physical impairments, and caregivers with infant children making it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for them to utilize the swim club if the parking lot is not available.

Temporary road closures are part of standard construction practices for construction and maintenance of roads. In 1995, the Council previously approved a temporary one-week closure of Branch Mill Road for the installation of a water main. The developer has elected to do the slurry seal on Sunday March 22, 2020 weather permitting. The road will be closed from 8 am and reopened at 6 pm later the same day. This should allow a sufficient time for the slurry seal to cure and harden before allowing traffic back onto the road. This will also allow the slurry to be completed in one day and should have the least amount of disturbance on the nineteen (19) residences along East Cherry Avenue. The developer notified the residents by mail of the upcoming slurry seal. The letters were sent out on March 5, 2020. At this time, no special accommodations have been identified. The developer will also be making arrangements for the residents of Tract 3081, which currently has five (5) homes with occupancy permits and will also make arrangements to accommodate visitors to their sales office. The residents of this area will be required to
walk to and from their vehicles which will be parked outside of the construction area. The City's Engineering Inspector will be visiting with the residents during the week of March 9th to verify their understanding of the closure, what is expected, and to help identify any special accommodations that may be required during the closure. The City will also be using its website and social media accounts to notify Arroyo Grande citizens of the proposed closure. Permanent striping and signage is anticipated to occur the week of March 30th. The striping will not involve a full road closure. If weather is an issue on March 22, 2020, the plan would be to move the slurry seal date to the following Sunday, March 29, 2020.

ALTERNATIVES:
The following alternatives are provided for the Council's consideration:

1. Approve staff’s recommendation;
2. Do not approve staff’s recommendation;
3. Modify as appropriate and approve staff’s recommendation; or
4. Provide direction to staff.
ADVANTAGES:
Approval of the temporary closure will allow the work to be done in one day. The 5 Cities Swim Club will not have any inconvenience or loss of use of their parking lot.

DISADVANTAGES:
Inconvenience to the local residents for the day.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:
A Final Environmental Impact Report for Tract 3081 was certified by the City Council on January 10, 2017 in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines and the City of Arroyo Grande Rules and Procedures for implementation of CEQA. No further CEQA action is required.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND COMMENTS:
The Agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City’s website in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2. At the time of report publication, no comments have been received.
RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO
GRANDE AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EAST
CHERRY AVENUE FROM TRAFFIC WAY TO PACIFIC COAST
RAILWAY REQUESTED BY WATHEN CASTANOS HOMES TO SLURRY
SEAL THAT SECTION OF ROAD

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 21101 (e) authorizes municipalities to close
any street temporarily for celebrations or other local special events or other purposes
when in the opinion of the local authorities having jurisdiction such closing is necessary
for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during
the temporary closing and such closing must be adopted and provided for by resolution;
and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4471 approving General Plan
Amendment 15-001, Specific Plan Amendment 15-001, Conditional Use Permit 15-004,
and Vesting Tentative Tract Map 15-001 (the “Project”) on January 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the project was conditioned to complete certain public improvements
pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 4771 adopted by the Arroyo Grande City Council
on January 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the developer, Wathen Castanos Homes has submitted plans to temporarily
close East Cherry Avenue from Traffic Way to Pacific Coast Railway for the purpose of
slurry sealing the street; and

WHEREAS, a detour plan has been provided for the temporary closure to allow traffic to
continue past the closed section of East Cherry Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, the Police Department, and the Fire
Department have no objections provided that emergency vehicle access will be available
if needed during the temporary closure of the street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Arroyo
Grande

1. Authorizes the temporary closure of East Cherry Street from Traffic Way to
Pacific Coast Railway on March 22, 2020 from 8 am to 6 pm.
2. Should inclement weather prevent the work from proceeding on March 22,
2020, the work may be performed on March 29, 2020 from 8 am to 6 pm.
3. Wathen Castanos Homes shall apply for and follow all provisions of a City
Encroachment permit.
4. Wathen Castanos Homes shall erect and maintain all signage as shown on the
proposed Traffic Control Plan.
5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall cause a certified copy to be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

On motion of Council Member ________, seconded by Council Member ________, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 10th day of March, 2020.
CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KELLY WETMORE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

JAMES A. BERGMAN, CITY MANAGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

TIMOTHY J. CARMEL, CITY ATTORNEY