



AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Date: August 20, 2019

Agenda Item 6X

Approvals:

City Manager [Signature]

Dept. Head [Signature]

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Department: Community Development Department / Planning Division
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Subject: *INITIATION OF SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT – PUBLIC SAFETY USES IN THE RANCHO SAN CLEMENTE SPECIFIC PLAN*

Fiscal Impact: Initiating this Specific Plan Amendment would not, in itself, result in a fiscal impact. However, if initiated, the amendment would require the expenditure of funds to ensure compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The amount of that expenditure is unknown at this time. If the environmental review requires an allocation of funds from the General Fund, staff may return to City Council to make the request.

Background: On June 18, 2019, the City Council approved amendments to Ordinance Nos. 1673 and 1674 allowing interim limited camping at the City public works yard on Avenida Pico. The amendments established an expiration date of June 30, 2020. Thereafter, public camping on City property, as permitted by Ordinance Nos. 1673 and 1674, will no longer be permitted by special exception to the Municipal Code. In connection with those enactments, the City Council requested staff to explore additional options for locating an interim camping site elsewhere in the City.

Discussion: The City owns several properties in the light and heavy industrial planning areas of Rancho San Clemente that may serve as options for locating an interim camping site. The Rancho San Clemente Specific Plan permits a range of nonresidential land uses, including business park, industrial park, and commercial uses. The Specific Plan currently allows public safety uses in the Institutional zone. The proposed initiation would consider adding public safety uses as an allowed use in the Industrial Park zone. The goal of such an amendment would be to provide the City with more discretion and regulatory flexibility to address issues that adversely affect the public health, safety and welfare. Although “public safety uses” are not defined in the Specific Plan, this could include temporary public camping or a police substation, when authorized by the City.

Environmental Review: The initiation of an amendment would not, in itself, in any way impact or alter the physical environment. Accordingly, this action is exempt from environmental review under State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule Exemption.

Recommended Action: STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council initiate a Specific Plan Amendment, as authorized by Municipal Code Section 17.16.030(D), to amend the Rancho San

Clemente Specific Plan and add public safety uses as a permitted use in the Industrial Park zone.

Attachments: None.

Notification: Not required for the recommended action. If a Specific Plan Amendment is initiated, the public will be notified when the Planning Commission and City Council considers this item at future public hearings.