



# AGENDA REPORT

## CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

### City Council Meeting

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**Meeting Date:** 11/1/2022

**Agenda Item:** 10C

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**Department:** Public Works

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**Subject:**

UPDATE ON PRESSURE WASHING OF SIDEWALKS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

**Fiscal Impact:**

None at this time.

**Summary:**

The City Council requested an update on the pressure washing of sidewalks in the downtown area at its October 18, 2022 meeting and for staff to offer options on how to improve services going forward.

**Background:**

The City previously performed pressure washing on sidewalks twice a year in the downtown area on El Camino Real from Palizada to Presidio on both sides of street from the business store fronts to the curb. This service was also performed on Del Mar from El Camino Real south continuing on Victoria and ending at Cazador. Staff determined in late 2021 that additional service was needed due to the amount of pedestrian traffic in these areas and recommended that the service be provided on a monthly basis. The City entered into a seven-month trial period agreement at that time and the contract was extended for FY 2022-23. The cost of this service is \$64,620 annually.

In addition, another contractor is providing pressure washing services as requested to the bulb-out areas on Del Mar. The cost of this service is \$1,600 per request and staff estimates an annual cost to be around \$6,400.

**Discussion:**

Staff initially received compliments due to the extra service but is now receiving some complaints mostly due to people congregating in these areas and the continued amount of pedestrian traffic. Staff has identified a few options going forward to improve service:

- Council could approve additional washings of the entire T-Zone at a cost of \$5,385 per washing
- Council could approve additional bulb-out washings as needed at a cost of \$1,600.
- Council could transfer responsibility back to the property owners. The municipal code states that the adjoining property owner to the sidewalk is responsible for the upkeep of this area. However, when adjoining property owners were previously responsible for maintaining clean sidewalks, the property owners and/or their contractors had trouble complying with the City's clean water requirements. There are concerns that water quality violations may occur if adjoining property owners and/or their contractors perform the sidewalk cleaning. To alleviate water quality concerns and transfer responsibility back to the adjoining property owners, the City's contractor could provide the service at the expense of adjoining property owners.

**Plan and Policy Consistency:**

The action is consistent with the following General Plan Goals and Policies:

- Urban Design Element Goal: Achieve a sustained level of maintenance and improvement of properties, buildings, landscaping and infrastructure that protects property values, encourages additional public and private investments and promotes San Clemente's high quality of life.
- Policy UD-4.06. Maintenance of Infrastructure and the Public Realm. As resources allow, we maintain and where appropriate, improve infrastructure and the public realm, including landscaping, sidewalks, signage, furniture and other streetscape elements. We keep public facilities clean.

**Council Strategy:**

The action is consistent with Council Strategy 3 - Update and maintain infrastructure that reflects best available technology and service.

**Recommended Actions:**

Staff Recommendation

1. Provide direction to staff regarding which option to pursue.

**Attachment:**

None

**Notification:**

None