

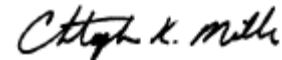
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 8/09/10
Item No.: 11.a

Department Approval



Acting City Manager Approval



Item Description: Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider a Request to Extend Working Hours for the Rice Street/ TH 36 Interchange Reconstruction Project

BACKGROUND

Lunda Construction, Inc. is the general contractor for the Rice Street/ TH 36 Interchange Reconstruction Project. This project includes the reconstruction of Rice Street from County Road B to a point several hundred feet north of County Road B-2. It also includes the reconstruction of the Rice Street/ TH 36 interchange. This construction is currently underway. The City has received a request from them to perform a portion of their work outside of normal work hours.

Their request requires a variance to City Code Section 405.03 HOURLY RESTRICTIONS OF CERTAIN OPERATIONS which permits construction activities to occur between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. and ten o'clock (10:00) P.M. on any weekday, or between the hours of nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. and nine o'clock (9:00) P.M. on any weekend or legal holidays.

They are seeking the following variances for August 10 through November 30, 2010.

Weekdays: Start work at 5:00AM

Saturdays: Start work at 7:00AM

A variance to this section of code requires a Public Hearing before the City Council, per code section 405.04. The code requires that we send our Public Hearing notices to all properties within 500 feet of the corridor. Any comments that we receive will be shared with the City Council as a part of the Public Hearing.

The corridor has a number of residential units located on it. The most concentrated is the 49 units at Callibre Ridge Townhomes in the northwest quadrant of the interchange

POLICY OBJECTIVE

This construction project is expected to take two construction seasons. The Contractor is asking for the variance so that they can work two back to back shifts on weekdays and a normal length work day on Saturdays. This will allow for certain portions of the project to be completed by the end of this construction season decreasing the impact to the areas north of Minnesota Ave. for the 2011 construction season.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None identified.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Consider a variance to extend the working hours for this project.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Approve request to extend working hours for Rice Street/ TH 36 Interchange Reconstruction Project.

Prepared by: Debra Bloom, City Engineer
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From: Ray McDonald

Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 6:52 PM

To: Deb Bloom

Cc: Ray McDonald

Subject: variance from city code HOURLY RESTRICTIONS OF CERTAIN OPERATIONS (RICE STREETH HIGHWAY 36 PROJECT)

Greetings Deb

Frances and I will not be able to attend the council meeting Monday August 9, 2010.

We would both like to indicate our preferences as YES to allow the Lunda Construction Inc. to increase their hours of operation to allow two shifts starting at 5:00am in the morning and working until 10:00 pm in the evening. If they should ever choose to work a double shift on Saturday, that would be acceptable and a YES vote even though they have not asked for that at this time.

I agree that this will help them get the project done sooner and it may also have an added benefit of hiring another shift which may likely mean more jobs for this project.

Would you please include our vote in your analysis and presentation at the city council meeting.

Thank You

Ray S. McDonald

Frances M. McDonald

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