

RESOLUTION NO. 2487

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE AUTHORIZING THE I-5 SOUND WALL LANDSCAPE SCREENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, City Council requested that staff investigate the feasibility of installing evergreen trees in the ODOT right-of-way (ROW) along the private sound wall adjacent to the Terrene at the Grove apartments which sound wall was constructed by Holland Partner Group (HPG) as part of its development immediately south of Boeckman Road to reduce the scale and soften the visual impact of the wall on the passing I-5 traffic; and

WHEREAS, a large number of existing mature European white birch trees along the sound wall have recently died opening up the view of portions of the wall to the public; and

WHEREAS, the wall was recently vandalized with graffiti; and

WHEREAS, the installation of evergreen trees will improve the aesthetics of the area and will result in environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, staff coordinated with ODOT and HPG regarding the specifics of the project; and

WHEREAS, HPG is continuing to develop its apartment project and is using a landscape architect and landscape contractor in its development and to match up the landscape materials and to avoid mobilization costs, HDP provided it landscape architect to draw up plans and had its landscape contractor provide a cost estimate

WHEREAS, HPG's landscape architect prepared a planting plan for the project in collaboration with city staff, which includes a variety of evergreen trees at different sizes; and

WHEREAS, HPG's landscape contractor, TruGreen Land Care, provided a cost estimate for the plant material, installation, irrigation and maintenance which staff has determined is reasonable and would neither increase cost to the City or under the particular circumstances, discourage competition; and is the public interest both aesthetically and to deter vandalism through graffiti; and

WHEREAS, the cost estimate for the project is \$23,154, plus \$3,555 in annual maintenance which is comprised of three annual visits; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project is proposed to be provided via a supplemental budget request as this is outside the development requirements and benefits the public; and

WHEREAS, at the July 21, 2014 City Council worksession, staff presented the project including the site plan and cost estimates and plan to contract with Tru Green and received direction from the City Council to return for a formal action, which was reported in the Wilsonville Spokesman two weeks prior to this meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, and the I-5 sound wall landscape screening project is hereby authorized in keeping with project scope and costs as set forth in the recitals.
2. Staff is directed to obtain the appropriate right-of-way use permits from ODOT and target a fall 2014 planting date to install the trees and is authorized to enter into a contract to fund the aforementioned project.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a special meeting thereof this 4th day of September, 2014, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this date.

TIM KNAPP, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra C. King, City Recorder, MMC

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Knapp	Yes
Councilor Starr	Yes
Councilor Goddard	Absent
Councilor Stevens	Yes
Councilor Fitzgerald	Yes