



Staff Report

File #: 23-0721

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: 09/20/2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE 3.49 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1621 FAIRMONT DRIVE IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR THE CITY'S USE AND IS EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND UNDER THE SURPLUS LAND ACT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This staff report asks the City Council to approve a resolution declaring that the 3.49 acres of property located at 1621 Fairmont Drive is no longer necessary for the City's use and is exempt surplus land under the Surplus Land Act. This will allow the City to dispose of the property, and move forward with the reconstruction and expansion of Fire Station No. 2.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-096, declaring that the 3.49 acres of property located at 1621 Fairmont Drive is no longer necessary for the City's use and is exempt surplus land under the Surplus Land Act.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

The City of Corona (City) owns the property located at 1621 Fairmont Drive, Corona, currently designated as Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 110-280-013. The property is 3.49 acres and is currently zoned for low-density residential use. The property was originally intended to be a storm debris basin when it was acquired by grant deed in 1986 with the development of Tract Map 19159-1 & -2. However, a concrete storm channel was subsequently constructed by Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, making a drainage facility unnecessary at this site.

ANALYSIS:

Rexco Main Street LLC (Rexco) owns commercial property located at 391 N. Main Street (APN 119-280-066), which is directly adjacent to the City's Fire Station No. 2. (See Exhibit 3). Fire Station No. 2 is located at 225 E. Harrison Street and is currently in the process of being rebuilt and expanded in

order to accommodate the staffing and equipment needs of the Fire Department. It is, therefore, necessary to acquire a portion of the Rexco property to complete the project. Rexco has expressed interest in conveying a portion of APN 119-280-066 in exchange for the City's property at 1621 Fairmont Drive. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54221(f)(1)(C) the disposal of exempt surplus land is not subject to the requirements or procedures of the Surplus Land Act. The City property at 1621 Fairmont Drive meets the definition of "exempt surplus land" because it is surplus land that the City intends to exchange for the Rexco property, which is necessary to complete the reconstruction and expansion of Fire Station No. 2.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with the recommended action.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action declares that a parcel of land owned by the City is surplus property, and there is no possibility that adopting this resolution will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

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Attachments:

1. Exhibit 1 - Location Map - 1621 Fairmont Drive (APN 110-280-013)
2. Exhibit 2 - Resolution No. 2023-096
3. Exhibit 3 - Location Map - 391 N. Main Street