

## Agenda Report

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE:

MAY 11, 1998

FROM:

CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT:

AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FIVE SALVAGE DUMP TRUCKS

TO THE COMMUNITY OF ROSARIO, MEXICO THROUGH ALL

SAINTS CHURCH.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

On the advice of the Director of Finance, it is recommended that the City Council authorize the transfer of five salvage dump trucks to the community of Rosario, Mexico through All Saints Church.

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It is further recommended that the City Council find that based upon the information contained herein and such further information as may be presented to the City Council at its May 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, a public purpose is served by exempting the proposed transfer from the provisions of the Surplus Equipment and Goods Ordinance P.M.C. 4.04, pursuant to section 4.04.080.

## BACKGROUND

The community of Rosario is located approximately 45 miles southeast of Mazatlan on the western coast in the State of Sinaloa. Fishing and farming are the major industries for the 60,000 people who live there.

All Saints Church maintains a reciprocal community relationship with various entities in Rosario. Approximately twice per year, All Saints Church sends a group to Rosario to assist with various public projects. Similarly, Rosario sent a group of 40 students (14 to 16 years of age) to Pasadena in April to perform graffiti removal and assist with special projects as part of the Christmas in April program.

Last year, the All Saints Church delegation assisted with the development of a landfill for the residents of Rosario. While the landfill has improved solid waste management, Rosario has only one dump truck to collect trash throughout the entire county. In addition to being inadequate to meet the needs of the community, the truck is old and breaks down frequently. As a result, trash is piled and often burned causing various sanitation problems.

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Funds for the purchase of additional dump trucks are not available to the community. Representatives of All Saints Church and the government of Rosario have inquired about the possibility of obtaining surplus City dump trucks.

Currently the City has four medium-duty and one light-duty dump trucks that are no longer in service. Normally these trucks would be sold at salvage pursuant to the requirements of the Surplus Equipment and Goods Ordinance, P.M.C. 4.04. However, the Ordinance enables the City Council to authorize alternate methods of disposal, provided such authorization contains a finding that a valid public purpose is served in doing so. Such public purpose is to be found in assisting our neighbors to meet minimal public health needs.

## FISCAL IMPACT

The total estimated value of the trucks is approximately \$13,500. In order to avoid the administrative costs of complying with requirements of the Federal Government of Mexico when making donations to cities and counties in that country, the trucks will be transferred to All Saints Church which will coordinate the transfer to Rosario.

Respectfully submitted,

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