

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

May 8, 2000

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Agreement for Sewer Service
at 4331 Oak Grove Drive,
City of La Cañada Flintridge

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between the City of Pasadena and the Hillside Developmental Learning Center for the conveyance of wastewater from a proposed private non-profit school at 4331 Oak Grove Drive in the City of La Cañada Flintridge and consenting to the recordation thereof.

BACKGROUND:

The Hillside Developmental Learning Center, which is a private non-profit school serving learning disabled children, has requested permission to connect an existing two-story house at 4331 Oak Grove Drive that it proposes to remodel to the existing City of Pasadena sewer in Oak Grove Drive.

The City of La Cañada Flintridge has no sewer that can serve the site in question, which is located in County Sanitation District No. 28. The outlet for the conveyance of wastewater from the Oak Grove Drive sewer, which carries the wastewater flows from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and portions of Sanitation District No. 28, is the existing Linda Vista Avenue trunk sewer. A 1986 engineering study performed by a consultant to the Public Works Department found that, in general, the Linda Vista Avenue trunk sewer had substantial unused hydraulic capacity. A 1989 sewer outfall capacity analysis, based on actual flow measurements, confirmed that finding and revealed that wastewater flows had significantly declined from previous projections. The hydraulic problems identified by the 1986 study were eliminated in connection with construction of the 1994 Oak Grove Drive sewer project.

The policy developed by the City Manager's office regarding sewer connections for properties within La Cañada Flintridge provides that this service be made available at no cost to the City of Pasadena. This policy is designed to safeguard public health by preventing potential contamination of the local ground water supply by the use of septic tanks systems for the disposal of wastewater. Since 1986, 15 separate agreements covering a total of 26 single-family home sites plus a portion of La Cañada High School have been approved under this policy.

The Hillside Developmental Learning Center has paid to the City a one-time "Capacity Fee" in the amount of \$2,004, which is comprised of \$1,500 for contract preparation and for the privilege of being allowed to connect to the Pasadena sewerage system and \$504 to cover the prorated cost of the previously completed engineering study of the Linda Vista Avenue trunk sewer. The \$1,500 portion of the fee is non-refundable. It represents a one-time contribution by a new user towards the cost of facilities paid for by previous users and which require repair and occasional upgrading or replacement. This charge has been determined by the Public Works and Transportation department to be a reasonable amount to charge for the provision of sewer service to the Hillside Developmental Learning Center and to offset expenses incurred in connection with the preparation and execution of the proposed agreement. The \$504 portion of the fee will be subject to proportionate refunds, based on the number of homes involved, in the event similar agreements are executed with other property owners in the future. The property covered by the proposed agreement has been determined to be equivalent to four single-family homes.

The initial annual "User Fee" shall be \$170, which is based upon the flow generation factors used by the County Sanitation Districts and the present unit charge for sewer service to non-residential properties prescribed by Section 4.52.020(B) of the Pasadena Municipal Code. Future "User Fees" shall be adjusted annually in proportion to adjustments of said unit charge.

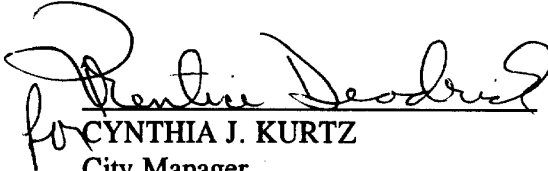
After the agreement has been executed on behalf of the City, it will be recorded so as to give notice that it is binding on any subsequent owners of the property in question.

FISCAL IMPACT:

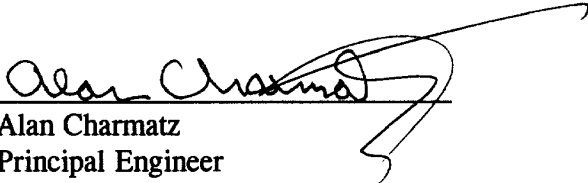
The \$1,500 non-refundable portion of the Capacity Fee collected pursuant to this agreement will be deposited in the Sewer Maintenance and Construction Fund (Account No. 7023-205).

The \$504 portion of the Capacity Fee subject to refund will be deposited in a separate Sewer Fund (Account No. 3150-250-230123659) which has been set up to accommodate monies to be collected, disbursed, or refunded, in connection with agreements for sewer service provided to La Cañada Flintridge property owners.

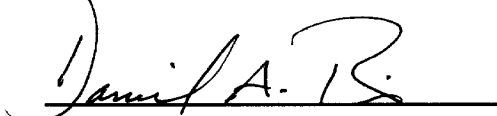
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