

City Council

Agenda Cover Memorandum

Meeting Date: December 13, 2010

Item Title: Reimbursement for Engineering Study

Action Requested:

- Approval
- For discussion
- Feedback requested
- For your information

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Background:

Mr. Cliff Kowalski of 322 S. Vine and Mr. Getz of 328 Lake have requested that the City reimburse them their expense of hiring an Engineering firm (Gewalt-Hamilton) to examine the drainage effects of the new home build adjacent to their properties.

City ordinance allows us to require a property owner or developer to obtain civil engineering reports to address drainage issues on property where they propose a development. However, this report is about their neighbor's property and the City did not request or require this report. There was never any request from these residents for reimbursement of this Engineering Study before they employed the services of Gewalt-Hamilton Engineering.

Recommendation:

The City did not request or require this report and has never reimbursed any other resident 's similar request for reimbursement. Approval of this request would establish a precedence for other similar requests and the City could not estimate the amount to of money to budget annually for these reimbursements. Therefore, we recommend denial of this request for reimbursement of Engineering Study expenses.

Budget Implications:

Does Action Require an Expenditure of Funds: Yes No

If Yes, Total Cost: \$5000 plus unknown

If Yes, is this a Budgeted Item: Yes No

Attachments: