



Legislation Text

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TO:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:

Bruce Moe, City Manager

FROM:

Patrick Griffin, Interim Information Technology Director

SUBJECT:

Consider the Installation of Public WiFi for the Metlox Plaza (Interim Information Technology Director Griffin).

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss and provide direction regarding the installation of public WiFi for the Metlox plaza.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

This potential project was not included in the current Information Technology (IT) Department budget; therefore, if approved, the project requires an appropriation of \$25,000 from the City Council contingency fund to the IT Department budget.

BACKGROUND:

In May and June of 2019, the City Council held public meetings and discussions to review City Council priorities, the Council Work Plan, and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 budget. During these public meetings, there was discussion about the possibility of installing a public WiFi system for the Metlox plaza, and staff was directed to investigate the viability and the potential fiscal impact of the project.

DISCUSSION:

IT staff, in coordination with Public Works staff, surveyed the Metlox plaza to determine the feasibility of the project, availability of network infrastructure, and determination of necessary equipment and licensing costs to complete the project. As a result, staff developed a cost estimate of \$25,000 to complete the WiFi installation, which includes the following:

- \$15,000-\$18,000 for conduits and network infrastructure installations / configuration; and
- \$6,200 for five hardware devices required to deliver WiFi service.

If the project moves forward, work would be performed by City staff and vendor resources and could be completed by March 2020.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

No public outreach was completed for this issue.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The City has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is necessary.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed this report and determined that no additional legal analysis is necessary.