
MENLO PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

To: Fire Board

Special Board Meeting

From: Harold Schapelhouman, Fire Chief

Date: October 31, 2016

Item: CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT REGARDING FACEBOOK'S WEST CAMPUS EXPANSION

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt a Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to execute the proposed agreement in substantially the form attached.

BACKGROUND:

The Fire District last entered into agreement with Facebook in April 2012 related to improvements for the existing East Campus and construction of Building 20 on the new West Campus.

The Fire District received \$300,000 which it specifically applied to upgrading and expanding its emergency traffic signal pre-emption system and purchasing two new defibrillators for Engines 2 and 77, along with a new battery operated, portable, Jaws of Life vehicle extrication package for Engine 77. These units are based out of East Palo Alto and the Belle Haven/M2 area of Menlo Park.

In 2012, the Nexus Impact Fee Analysis had not been started yet. The updated Nexus Fee Analysis and Schedule was approved and adopted by the Fire Board in February 2016. However, it has not been adopted by any of the four local jurisdictions who's residents we jointly serve.

The new structures for Facebook's West Campus Expansion will replace the former Tyco/Raychem manufacturing/office campus that was permitted for the storage and use of hazardous materials for various processes. On several occasions, some of those processes resulted in significant fires and emergencies that caused injuries to employees and firefighters.

Requests for emergency services to Facebook have steadily increased since 2012 and as the current campus population has grown to 10,000 employees and its service providers.

DISCUSSION:

Facebook applied to the City of Menlo Park for certain entitlements related to the expansion of its corporate campus on property located at 301-309 Constitution Drive, which is in the jurisdictional boundary of the District. The District will provide essential emergency and fire services to individuals working at or visiting the property.

The City prepared an EIR under the California Environmental Quality Act and a Fiscal Impact Analysis analyzing the impacts of the Project on the Fire District. The District informed the City and Facebook that the project, as proposed, may have impacts to the District due to factors including, but not limited to, increased number of employees and residents within the service area, construction of new larger and taller buildings, and the increase in roadway congestion along primary emergency response routes.

Together, the Fire District and Facebook have negotiated an agreement to address possible impacts from these proposed projects on the District so it can continue to provide enhanced fire and emergency services to the community and Facebook.

The general terms of the agreement include:

1. Facebook payment of a fire services impact fee based on the Board-adopted fee schedule and program.
2. Facebook payment of funds to cover District staffing costs of plan check and inspection services for Facebook projects.
3. Fire District agreement to support Facebook's proposed project.
4. Terms regarding the FEMA warehouse located at 1376 Willow Road on property owned by Facebook.
5. Commitment to on-going discussions between Facebook and District on emergency services issues relating to future development of Prologis site owned by Facebook and an expanded partnership.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to execute proposed agreement regarding Facebook's west campus expansion

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