



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council **Item No.** _____

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: Consideration of Approval of Public Art in Connection with the Art in Public Place (AIPP) Ordinance for the New Development at 6800 East Washington Boulevard, Commerce

MEETING DATE: March 5, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve of the Public Art proposed by the property owner, North Palisades Partners LLC, at the project site located at 6800 East Washington Boulevard in accordance to the Art in Public Places (AIPP) Ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

On September 20, 2016, City Council adopted an Art in Public Places (AIPP) Ordinance. The purpose of an AIPP program is to ensure the incorporation of public art into the community and into development projects within the City. City Council determined that public art is a critical element of providing a diverse and culturally rich environment to residents and visitors and enriches the community with aesthetic qualities. Pursuant to the Ordinance, projects with a valuation in excess of \$250,000 are subject to the ordinance and the applicants are either required to install artwork or pay an in-lieu fee. The cost of the artwork or in-lieu fee must be equal to one percent (1%) of the project's valuation.

At its regular meeting of January 23, 2019 the Planning Commission conditionally approved Plot Plan No.991 to allow the construction of a new warehouse building measuring approximately 40,773 square feet in the City's M-2 (Heavy Industrial) zoning district at 6800 East Washington Boulevard. The proposed project involves the development of an existing vacant property located on the southeast corner of the East Washington Boulevard and Yates Avenue intersections, measuring approximately 1.78 acres (77,477 square feet), surrounded by industrial and commercial uses.

As part of the proposed development, the applicant has elected to acquire and install an artwork piece on the north-west corner of the subject site. The artwork will consist of three chrome plated steel columns measuring 5'-0", 6'-1" and 7'-0" in height. Each column will have vertical perforations and LED lights at the center. The proposed

artwork design will complement the subject site and surrounding properties as well as meet the design guidelines set forth in the AIPP ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Disapprove staff recommendation and request the applicant to pay the 1% in-lieu fee (estimated in-lieu fee of \$58,000)
3. Provide further direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. All the cost of this project will be absorbed by the property owner.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

The issue before the Council is consistent with the Beautification and City Branding to include Art in Public Places Action Item under the Infrastructure and Facilities section of the City's Strategic Plan. This Action Item calls for City to develop concepts for aesthetic improvements, motifs, public art and city branding including financing options.

Recommended by: Maryam Babaki, Director of Public Works & Development Services

Prepared by: Manuel Acosta, Contract Planner

Reviewed by: Vilko Domic, Finance Director

Approved as to form: Norma Copado, City Attorney

Respectfully submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Administrator

ATTACHMENT: 1. Site Plan
 2. Artwork Elevations