



City of La Quinta

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Timothy R. Jonasson, P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer

DATE: March 18, 2014

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2014

1. At the March 4, 2014 City Council meeting, Council approved a contract for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems 1 and 2 project. The staff report bid comparison listed the engineer's estimate at \$139,000, and the low bid at \$98,000. What the document did not clarify was that the \$139,000 was for labor and equipment, while the bid was for labor only. The engineer's estimate had not been adjusted to remove the equipment costs, which the City pre-ordered for \$72,000. However, the estimate was still low on the installation costs, which necessitated the appropriation of approximately \$40,000. The project involves replacing aged units at City Hall prior to the summer months.
2. For the month of February, the total for all maintenance expenditures was \$80,460.96 with street sweeping, irrigation work, tree trimming, debris removal, street sign installation, and graffiti removal being among the highest tasks in terms of cost. Public Works maintenance workers recorded nearly 1,300 task hours associated with this work. A detailed breakdown of tasks and associated costs is presented in the attached pie chart (Attachment 1).
3. Work is underway on the County's Fred Waring widening project, between Adams Street and Port Maria Road. The contractor is currently building up the new road grade and constructing the new sound wall in front of La Quinta Palms. Pedestrian access will be restricted throughout construction due to the removal of sidewalk on the south side of the street. Ultimately, Fred Waring Drive will be three lanes in each direction. The project is expected to be complete in August 2014.

4. The La Quinta Health and Wellness Center designer has completed the conceptual design with the review and approval of both the City Council and Planning Commission. Final design is now underway, with construction anticipated to start mid to late March.
5. The Miscellaneous Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements Phase II and the Sports Complex Lighting Improvements projects are currently being advertised for bids. Both projects will be constructed this summer.

Attachment: 1. Total Maintenance Cost pie chart

Total Maintenance Cost February 2014

