

Yvonne Spence

From: Dick Zampa <DickZ@ironworkerbenny.net>
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2019 5:23 AM
To: 'jesus'
Cc: Yvonne Spence; 'Lex Anton'; 'Jose Gonzalez'; 'Grand Bridge'
Subject: RE: RE: Request for Waiver - Sidewalk Construction

All,
Please put the Ironworkers on the agenda so we may appeal.
Thank you

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From: jesus [mailto:jesus@ironworkers155.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 6:01 PM
To: Dick Zampa <DickZ@ironworkerbenny.net>
Cc: Yvonne Spence <Yvonne.Spence@fresno.gov>; Lex Anton <lex@vpcsonline.com>; 'Jose Gonzalez' <jgonzalez@grandbridgeinc.com>; Grand Bridge <smourtada@grandbridgeinc.com>
Subject: Fwd: RE: Request for Waiver - Sidewalk Construction

Forwarding this to ensure we are all on the page.

----- Original message -----

From: Scott Mozier <Scott.Mozier@fresno.gov>
Date: 12/17/19 4:59 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Erika Pelayo-Lopez <Erika.Pelayo-Lopez@fresno.gov>, Jesus@ironworkers155.org, Jesus.Castaneda-iwlu155bm@ironworkers.org
Cc: Andrew Benelli <Andrew.Benelli@fresno.gov>, Francisco Magos <Francisco.Magos@fresno.gov>, Jennifer Clark <Jennifer.Clark@fresno.gov>, Wilma Quan <Wilma.Quan@fresno.gov>, Michelle Marchini <Michelle.Marchini@fresno.gov>, Jim Schaad <Jim.Schaad@fresno.gov>, Yvonne Spence <Yvonne.Spence@fresno.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for Waiver - Sidewalk Construction

Good afternoon Mr. Castaneda,

The City Clerk has received an appeal request from your office in regards to the sidewalk waiver. These appeal hearings are generally scheduled before the City Council within 30 calendar days per the procedures contained in the Fresno Municipal Code. However due to the holidays, the next scheduled City Council meeting is Thursday, January 16, 2020, slightly beyond the typical 30 day window. Could you please confirm if you are agreeable to the City Clerk scheduling the appeal hearing for the January 16th meeting? Copying our City Clerk, Yvonne Spence, in regards to this request.

Thank you,

Scott Mozier, PE, TE

Public Works Director

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From: Erika Pelayo-Lopez
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 5:00 PM
To: Jesus@ironworkers155.org; Jesus.Castaneda-iwlu155bm@ironworkers.org
Cc: Scott Mozier; Andrew Benelli; Francisco Magos; Jennifer Clark; Wilma Quan; Michelle Marchini; Jim Schaad
Subject: Request for Waiver - Sidewalk Construction

Good afternoon Mr. Castaneda,

Please find attached correspondence from Scott Mozier, Public Works Director regarding your request for waiver. Feel free to contact Francisco Magos at Francisco.Magos@fresno.gov or (559) 621-8679 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

The original will be sent to Mr. Sami Mourtada via USPS.

Best regards,

Erika Pelayo-Lopez
Executive Assistant to
Scott Mozier, Public Works Director

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From: Dick Zampa <DickZ@ironworkerbenny.net>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Yvonne Spence
Cc: 'lex@vpcsonline.com'; 'Sami Mourtada'; 'jesus@ironworkers155.org'
Subject: Ironworkers
Attachments: Letter to Ms. Spence, Fresno City Clerk.pdf

Ms. Spence

Attached is the letter regarding our 1+ year struggle to improve our Training Center in Fresno. Any help you can give us would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks

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December 16, 2019

Ms. Yvonne Spence
City Clerk
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Fresno, CA 93721

SUBJECT: APPEAL REQUEST: DENIAL OF WAIVER – CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK ALONG S. CHANNING AVENUE, APNs: 464-220-058, P19-01742

Dear Ms. Spence,

The Ironworkers Apprenticeship Trust, through the Fresno Ironworkers Training Facility, has been developing skilled labor for decades. In efforts to adequately provide the appropriate training and development of apprentices to support the Ironworkers Building Trades, the Ironworkers Apprenticeship Trust sought to construct a new parking lot to accommodate the new trainees. As a part of the construction, the existing parking area would be outfitted with training aids for rigging, structural steel training, rebar training, etc., and many more.

Moreover, constructing this additional parking area will provide the necessary spaces for the trainees to park their vehicles thereby not parking on the side streets. The trainees will be able to access the facility easily thus eliminating the safety hazard of street parking. Part of this development includes onsite lighting, landscape enhancements, and electrical rough-in for future Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations.

The delay in the construction of this project has affected the facility immensely. Coupled with the much-needed parking area, the training aids mentioned above needs to be constructed in order for the facility to prepare the trainees adequately to meet the labor development needs for the City of Fresno.

The Training Facility submitted a Request to Waive the Construction of Sidewalk on South Channing Avenue to the Department of Public Works, City of Fresno which was subsequently denied on November 5th, 2019 after an in-person meeting with City Representatives and Project Representatives.

The Fresno Ironworkers Facility kindly request an Appeal of the Denied Waiver for the Construction of Sidewalk on South Channing Avenue. The cost associated with the construction of the sidewalk may prevent the project from proceeding. Additionally, the South Channing Street Improvement is not

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beneficial to businesses in this Light Industrial Zoned Area (noting that the property adjacent to the Fresno Ironworkers Training Facility has no Street Sidewalk Improvements as well).

Please feel free to contact Mr. Lex Anton, Owner's Representative, Fresno Ironworkers Training Facility (lex@vpcsonline.com) , (707)344-8466 or the undersigned should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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Ironworker Apprentice Director, California, Nevada, Arizona
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CC: Scott L. Mozier, Public Works Director, City of Fresno
Esmeralda Soria, Councilmember District 1 – City of Fresno
Lex Anton, Owner's Representative – Ironworkers Apprenticeship Trust
Jesus R. Castaneda, Business Manager, Fresno Ironworkers Local 155
Sami Mourtada, Grand Bridge, Inc.
Jose Gonzalez, Grand Bridge, Inc.



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Scott L. Mozier
Public Works Director

November 19, 2019

Mr. Sami Mourtada
Grand Bridge Inc.
2208 W Beechwood Ave
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION
APNs: 464-220-058, P19-01742**

Dear Mr. Mourtada,

On November 1, 2019, the City of Fresno Public Works Department issued a letter following the review of your request for a waiver of the Conditions of Approval for P19-01742, to construct sidewalk along the property's Channing Ave. and Kearney Blvd. frontage. Your request to waive the construction of sidewalk along the Kearney Blvd. frontage was granted per the letter from Andrew Benelli, City Engineer. In a separate letter, the City also granted your request to waive the requirement to underground the overhead utilities at this time. However, construction of the sidewalk along the Channing Ave. frontage was still required.

On November 5, 2019, representatives for the Ironworkers project met with City representatives to request reconsideration. As discussed, the Development Code requires full off-site improvements when any portion of a parcel is developed. The proposed parking lot will occupy more than one-third of the parcel. The additional review has confirmed the appropriateness of a waiver at this time for the Kearney sidewalk improvements and the undergrounding of overhead utilities. However a waiver is not supported for the Channing Avenue sidewalk requirements; the Channing Avenue sidewalk will be required with the parking lot construction on the parcel.

Please feel free to contact Francisco Magos at Francisco.Magos@fresno.gov or (559) 621-8679 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott L. Mozier".

Scott L. Mozier, P.E.
Public Works Director

c: Andrew Benelli, City Engineer
Francisco Magos, Engineering Services Manager
Jennifer Clark, Director of Planning and Development
Wilma Quan, City Manager