CITY OF COOS BAY JOINT CITY COUNCIL / URA WORK SESSION Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
January 31, 2017	

TO: URA Chair Kramer and Board Members

FROM: Jim Hossley, Public Works Director

THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE: Hollering Place Erosion Protection of West Property Boundary

BACKGROUND:

To ensure clear title for the City owned Hollering Place property, City staff negotiated the location of the termination of the west boundary of the property with the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL). The City DSL agreed that the Mean High Tide Line (MHTL) is the boundary between the City's property and DSL's ownership of the Hollering Place property. Quit Claim documents were signed by both entities and were recorded with the County.

The City contracted with the local engineering firm SHN to engage their surveyor to describe the MHTL, map it, and prepare documentation for a property line adjustment. SHN determined the MHTL is not a straight line. The MHTL meanders on either side of the existing/remnant retaining wall on the westerly side of the City's property. SHN met with DSL property ownership staff on November 15, 2016. DSL staff is amenable to describing the City's west property line along the relatively straight retaining wall. The DSL wants the line to be on the upland side of the wall, with the wall itself remaining on DSL ownership. DSL wants the existing culvert outfall and associated rip/rap at the northwest corner of the property within an easement on DSL land. The City could then either register the wall with DSL or have an easement for the wall. In either case the City has the right to (and responsibility for) maintenance of the wall. If we register, the registration cost is \$0 and good for 5 years. If we have an easement for the wall, there is a cost and it is good for 30 years.

The wooden seawall on the western edge of the Hollering Place has started to fail and resulted in significant erosion to the western edge of the property. Randy Dixon, Public Works Operations Administrator, met with US Army Corps, DSL, and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) permitting staff to discuss reestablishing bank protection on the western side of the City property. If we reestablish the wall along the alignment of the existing/remnant seawall, we'd build something with a significant footing to maximize the life span of the wall. Doing this would reclaim approximately 3,300 square feet (4%) of property out of a total of 82,000 square feet. The permitting process would take 12 to 18 months. We would likely be required to mitigate by removing some portion of the off shore piles/dock.

As an alternative, if we install bank protection along the ragged existing edge of the western bank of the property, NMFS would potentially be amenable, subject to internal review, to the City discharging

rock to stabilize the upper extent of the bank line if the rock was kept to the upper extent of tidal influence and the existing structures and debris (piling, dilapidated retaining wall, concrete rubble, etc.) were removed. The NMFS staff person said they don't usually allow rip/rap, but in this particular type of situation they do. To NMFS it makes sense to install a solid toe to build up from. The City can slope the bank back and add some sort of plantings that will provide additional environmental benefit. We will need a surveyor to confirm ground points, and provide elevations. Per their discussion, this is kind of a meet-in-the-middle approach to minimize impact to Endangered Species Act listed species and their habitat while providing long-term bank stabilization for the City's property. The permitting will be 3 to 6 months. No requirement to mitigate off shore piles/dock is expected.

Rebuilding the wall on the existing alignment would be much more expensive than rip/rap on the existing bank. Rebuilding on the existing alignment with sheet pile is estimated to be \$600,000 while rip/rap along the eroded edge is estimated to be \$320,000. The cost of remediation for building the sheet pile seawall on the existing alignment is unknown.

Staff contacted the City's Realtor of record, Randy Hoffine, to provide us with an estimated value of the land lost to erosion above the MHTL. Randy estimated the value to be \$11,550.

ADVANTAGES:

Rebuilding a seawall will stop the erosion to and loss of property on the west boundary of the Hollering Place property and may help maintain the value of the property.

DISADVANTAGES:

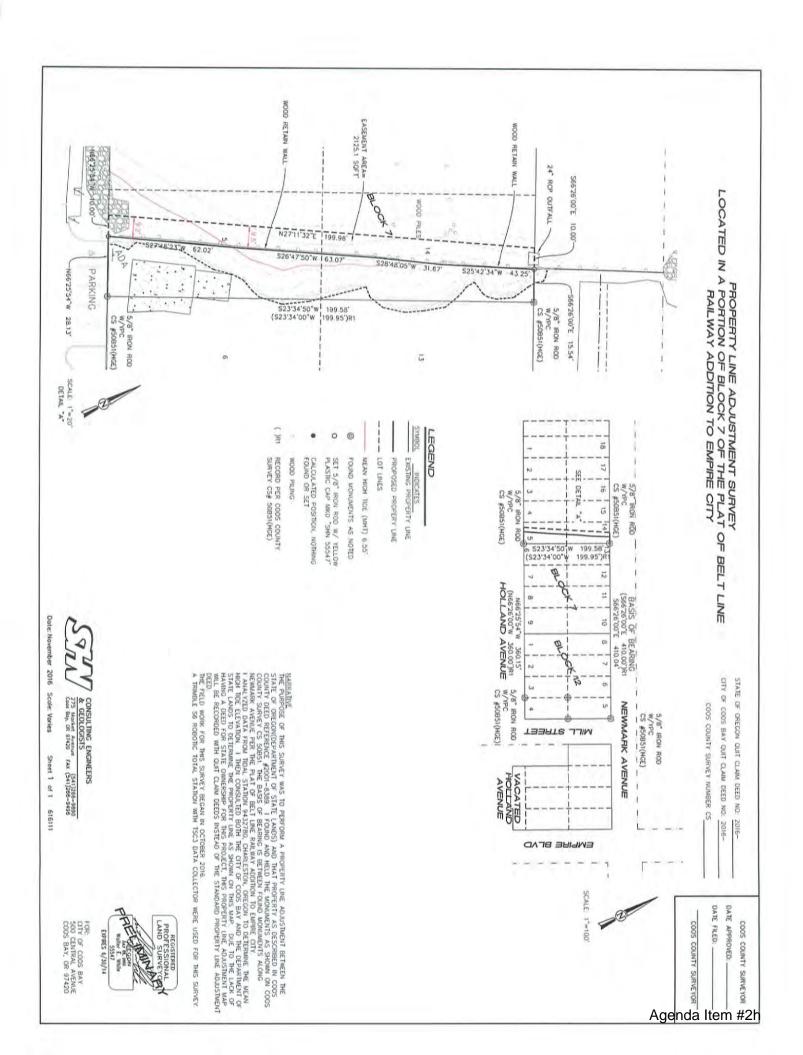
Cost is the major disadvantage. The URA may not recover its investment in the seawall with the sale of the property

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of the project is dependent upon the course of action taken. The minimum cost is expected to be \$320,000. However, there will likely be additional design and remediation costs.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Provide staff with the Urban Renewal Agency's preferred course of action.



EASEMENT LOCATED IN A PORTION OF BLOCK 7 OF THE PLAT OF BELT LINE RAILWAY ADDITION TO EMPIRE CITY 5/8" IRON ROD W/YPC CS #50B51(HGE) N66°26'00"W 15.54' BASIS OF BEARING LEGEND (S66°26'00"E 410.00')R1 SYMBOL S66°26'00"E 10.00'-РОВ **INDICATES** S66°26'00"E 410.04 EXISTING PROPERTY LINE 24" RCP OUITFALL 43. PROPERTY LINE EASEMENT AREA = 2,090.2 SQFT EASEMENT LINE LOT LINES 000 BLOCK LINES S28°48'05"W 31.67' 0 FOUND MONUMENTS AS 13 BLOCK 7 14 NOTED 0 SET 5/8" IRON ROD W/ 0 WOOD YELLOW PLASTIC CAP 199.58' 199.95')R1 RETAIN MKD "SHN 55547" WALL 8 07 CALCULATED POSITION, WL199 NOTHING FOUND OR SET 63 ,20°W S23°34'50"W | (S23°34'00"W | 0 WOOD PILING ()R1 RECORD PER COOS COUNTY SURVEY CS# 50B51(HGE) POB POINT OF BEGINNING POT POINT OF TERMINATION 6 5 REGISTERED **PROFESSIONAL** SCALE: 1"=30' LAND SURVE 4 δ REGON 5/8" IRON ROD JULY 09, 2002 W/YPC Walter E. White CS #50B51(HGE) 55547 EXPIRES 6/30/14 OT FOR: N66°25'54"W 28.13' CITY OF COOS BAY N66°25'54"W 10.00' 500 CENTRAL AVENUE COOS BAY, OR 97420 City of Coos Bay Easement and Adjusted Line Hollering Place Legal Description Exhibit "B" SHN 616111 Coos Bay, Oregon Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Inc. November 2016 616111V Figure 1

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