



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: July 10, 2012
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Department, 568-3010
Contact Info: Eric Pearson, Interim Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3005
SUBJECT: **Resolution Designating the Fire Station Alley in Old Town Orcutt area as the Ron Bennett Memorial Alley, Fourth Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt a Resolution designating the Alley behind the Orcutt Fire Station on Union Avenue, between Clark and Union Avenues, and Gray Street and Pacific Street in Old Town Orcutt, Fourth Supervisorial District, as the *Chief Ron Bennett Memorial Alley*.
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to post signs along the Orcutt Fire Station Alley confirming this Board Action.
- C. Find that the proposed action is for the operation, leasing or licensing of an existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment or topographical feature, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that which presently exists, that the proposed action is therefore exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c) and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

The Fourth District Supervisor's office contacted the Public Works Department with a request to designate the Alley behind the Orcutt Fire Station on Union Avenue, between Clark and Union Avenues, and Gray Street and Pacific Street in Old Town Orcutt, in honor of Chief Ron Bennett who passed away November 14, 2007, at the age of 39 while serving his community responding to a Fire Department call.

Background:

Ron Bennett was born on October 15, 1968 in Santa Maria, California to Allen and Jerry Bennett. He graduated from Righetti High School in 1986.

Ron was a dedicated member of the Orcutt Fire Department from the age of 16. He was promoted to Assistant Chief in 1990 under Chief Kirk Mang. Chief Mang retired in 2003 and the Board elected Ron as the new Fire Chief.

Ron was the force behind the annual Orcutt Fire Department Halloween haunted house and carnival. He also worked tirelessly in planning and successfully producing the annual Christmas Parade.

Ron was honored with many awards from the Fire Department, and was selected as Fireman of the Year by the Elks Lodge.

Ron also worked as an Emergency Medical Technician with American Medical Response.

On November 14, 2007, Ron was responding to a call for the Fire Department and suffered a fatal heart attack. He had just turned 39 on October 15, 2007.

The Public Works Department requests that the Board of Supervisors designate the alley behind the Orcutt Fire Station between Clark and Unions Avenues, and Gray Street and Pacific Street in Old Town Orcutt, in honor of Ron Bennett. Streets and Highways Code Section 970.5 specifies that the Board of Supervisors may dedicate a County Highway by Resolution. With this action, the County will honor Ron Bennett's many contributions to the Orcutt community by designating this segment of alley as the Ron Bennett Memorial Alley.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Signs to memorialize this Board Action will be provided by Ron Bennet's family and friends. No County funds will be utilized.

Special Instructions:

1. Clerk of the Board shall publish a summary within 15 days after the Board of Supervisors Resolution.
2. Please forward a certified stamped minute order and copy of the executed Resolution Gena Valentine Felix, Public Works Transportation, ext. 3064

Attachments:

Resolution
Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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