



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** September 5, 2019

**From:** Mayor & City Council

**Subject:** Creation of a City Council Ad-hoc Subcommittee regarding City Beautification and Funding

### Recommendation

Creation of an Ad-hoc Subcommittee (2 members of the City Council) to work with City staff and make recommendations to the full City Council.

### Background

Over the past several months, I have received various requests and concerns from members of the community as well as Councilmembers over issues relative to the appearance of the town. These issues sometimes overlap with potential safety issues. The range of issues span from maintenance of medians, to street sweeping to planting of trees and other items.

While these items may on the surface seem routine, they often are more complicated than they first appear. For example, the issue of street sweeping and the impact on parked vehicles. This is an issue that the City Council has wrestled with in the past. While we have policies relative to Visitation and San Bruno Avenues, there are many other streets in town in which formal street sweeping is simply not feasible. City staff is evaluating alternative, smaller street sweepers which may be of assistance.

Another concern is the response time for resolving service requests when issues are identified. During the last recession, a conscious decision was made to not staff the three non-utility positions that would respond to these requests, and instead, to have all of this work performed by contractors under the direction of one Team Leader issuing purchase orders. As the work is not performed by city staff, we are at the mercy of contractors' schedules.

The purpose of the Subcommittee will be to better define the goals, levels of service and priorities for city beautification and to then work with staff on what that will mean in terms of staffing, contractors, etc.

The timing for this is good in that we will be working on development of the next two year operating budget for the City later this year in preparation for presentation and discussion next Spring and adoption for July 1, 2020.

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Madison Davis, Mayor

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