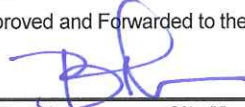




STAFF REPORT

Approved and Forwarded to the City Council:


Bryan Montgomery, City Manager

Date: May 23, 2017

To: Bryan H. Montgomery, City Manager

From: Troy Edgell, Code Enforcement Manager

Subject: **Resolution Confirming the Costs for Abatement of Weeds and Refuse at APN 037-211-004 (5108 Fernwood Court) and APN 037-223-005 (5236 Ironwood Lane)**

Background and Analysis

Oakley Municipal Code (OMC) 4.26.004 states that no owner having charge or control of any property within the jurisdiction of Oakley shall permit weeds and/or refuse to remain or accumulate and that all such weeds and refuse are hereby declared a public nuisance. When it is determined a property is maintained in violation of this code, the owner is provided notice to remove the violation within ten (10) calendar days. If they fail to abate the nuisance or do not appeal this notice within seven (7) days, the City shall perform the work and charge the owner the costs, including administrative and legal expenses.

It is Code Enforcement Department's policy to work pro-actively with every property owner, however the properties listed above have been abandoned and all notices sent to their last known addresses have gone unheeded. As a result the City was required to perform the abatement work. As required by OMC 4.26 an account of the costs incurred by the City are recorded and provided in the attached Cost Report. Furthermore, a Right to Appeal Letter was sent to the property owners via Regular USPS and Certified USPS mail. This letter informed them they have seven (7) calendar days to contact the City Clerk's office and file a written appeal of the costs. The deadline for this appeal expired 25 April 2017 and no appeal requests were filed.

The purpose of the attached Resolution is to ensure the City's expenses for performing the abatement are recovered through the placement of a special assessment on the property tax rolls. Both OMC 4.26.016 and the Contra Costa County Tax Assessor require all special assessments be confirmed by the City Council. To ensure this action takes place, we are

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seeking via Resolution the confirmation of the abatement and associated costs for each property.

Fiscal Impact

Adoption of the Resolution will authorize Staff to invoice the property owner and provide 30 days for collection of amount due. If invoice is not paid, the Resolution allows the City to place a lien on the property and collect the amount due, if necessary, via direct assessment on the 2017-2018 tax roll.

Recommendation

Council adopt the attached Resolution confirming the costs for abatement of the public nuisances and directing a special assessment and lien upon such parcel if the amount due is not paid in full by June 23, 2017.

Attachments

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit A: Cost Report

RESOLUTION NO. __-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE COST FOR ABATEMENT OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND DIRECTING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND LIEN UPON SAID PARCELS

WHEREAS, the Oakley Municipal Code establishes standards in Law to protect the health and safety of the Community; and

WHEREAS, the City's Code Enforcement Division is tasked with addressing violations of these codes, so as to ensure the health and safety of the Community; and

WHEREAS, the properties listed in Exhibit A attached had violations which required abatement by the City through the Code Enforcement Division; and

WHEREAS, the cost incurred by the City to abate the violations is shown in the Exhibit, and such cost remains unreimbursed to date; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to confirm this cost, and if it remains unpaid after June 23, 2017, seeks authorization to lien the properties and collect the amount due via direct assessment on the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 property tax roll.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Oakley hereby confirms the cost for said properties, and if remaining unreimbursed after June 23, 2017 authorizes Staff to lien the property and submit it as a direct assessment for collection on the 2017-2018 property tax roll.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oakley at a meeting held on the 23rd day of May by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED:

Sue Higgins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

Date

EXHIBIT A

COST REPORT

ABATEMENT OF WEEDS AND REFUSE

APN AND ADDRESS OR DESCRIPTION	ABATEMENT COST*	CODE ENFORCEMENT**	CITY CLERK***	PUBLICATION NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN	TOTAL COST
037-223-005 5236 IRONWOOD LN	\$550.00	573.88	\$12.04	\$51.68	\$1,187.60
037-211-004 5108 FERNWOOD CT	\$815.00	\$400.72	\$12.04	\$51.68	\$1,279.44

*Invoice available

**Code Enforcement costs include administrative time at the hourly rate ranging from \$66.06 to \$98.28 depending upon officer assigned (as identified in the 2016/2017 Overhead and Inter-fund Charges Schedule), including but not limited to multiple re-inspections, research regarding property usage and zoning, permit research, tax assessor history and research, meeting with tenants or owners, preparation of Appeal instructions, obtaining abatement estimates, preparing Cost Report, City Council Resolution, Staff Report for City Council, coordinating payment for abatement, and inter-office coordination.

***City Clerk costs include average cost to prepare, transmit, pay for, and publish a Public Notice of Abatement Lien.