



MEETING DATE: 09-19-05

ITEM NO. 11

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER *Debra J. Figone*

SUBJECT: HOLIDAY DISPLAY

- A. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION OF HOLIDAY DISPLAY
- B. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO PROCEED WITH EFFORTS TO INSTALL THE DISPLAY ON THE CIVIC CENTER LAWN FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON

### RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Adopt resolution accepting donation of holiday display
- 2. Provide direction on proceeding with efforts to install the display on the Civic Center lawn for the upcoming holiday season.

### BACKGROUND:

Monte Sereno resident Alan Aerts has decided to discontinue his elaborate holiday display at his home, and to donate the items to various entities. He has offered items to both the City of Campbell and the Town of Los Gatos. Per Council policy, the Town Council must adopt a resolution to accept donations valued at \$1,000 or more, and the holiday items have a value exceeding this amount.

### DISCUSSION:

The holiday items offered by Mr. Aerts include:

- Victorian carolers
- Ice skaters
- Horse carriage
- Hot air balloon with Santa in the basket
- Santa stuck in a chimney
- Grinch
- Assorted pine trees

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ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER

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If the Council accepts this donation, staff recommends installing the display on the Civic Center lawn for the upcoming holiday season if the logistics and any issues can be addressed sufficiently. Mr. Aerts has offered to advise the Town regarding the installation and has suggested that the Sea Scouts, who routinely installed and maintained his display, would be available to assist the Town.

Issues to be addressed include set up/tear down, electric supply and cost, safety for visitors, protection of the items, maintenance of items, bulb replacement, lawn condition, and storage. Staff believes that these issues can likely be managed in sufficient time to install the display during the holiday season, which would be from Thanksgiving to the beginning of January.

CONCLUSION:

Adoption of the attached resolution (Attachment 1) will enable the Council to receive the donation of these holiday display items. Staff is seeking Council direction on whether to proceed with efforts to install the display on the Civic Center lawn for the upcoming holiday season. The efforts will include addressing the issues noted above.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

Is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The costs for installing and maintaining a holiday display are not known at this time; however, the costs are expected to be minimal. It is expected that the costs can be absorbed within the Town's operating budget.

Attachments:

1. Resolution accepting donation of holiday display

## **RESOLUTION**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF HOLIDAY DISPLAY ITEMS FROM MR. ALAN AERTS**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Alan Aerts has offered to donate holiday display items to the Town of Los Gatos and has offered to advise the Town regarding the installation and maintenance of the holiday display items; and,

**WHEREAS**, the holiday items include: Victorian carolers, ice skaters, horse carriage, hot air balloon with Santa, Santa in a chimney, Grinch, and pine trees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town may use the holiday display for the purpose of decorating the Town during the holiday season.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town Council hereby accepts the donation of the holiday display items from Mr. Alan Aerts.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Town Council/Redevelopment Agency of the Town of Los Gatos held on the 19th day of September, 2005\_ by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED: MAYOR/CHAIR OF THE TOWN OF  
LOS GATOS  
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR  
OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

