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For City Council Meeting [December 10, 2019]

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

APPROVAL: Rod Foster, City Administrator

FROM: Jessica Brown, Finance Director

Request City Council to Receive and File the Statement of Income and Expenses related to the Miro Way, Alder Avenue, and Locust/Laurel/Walnut Escrow Accounts for August 2019.

BACKGROUND:

On September 25, 2012, the City Council approved the Second Amended and Restated Contract of Sale for Areas B, C, and D (the "Airport Contract") with Lewis-Hillwood Rialto LLC (LHR). A key provision of the Airport Contract required the City to deposit \$30 million into escrow to fund predevelopment obligations, including tenant relocation, demolition, remediation, and infrastructure (the "Article VI Work" as defined in the Airport Contract). The City initially allocated approximately \$9 million of the \$30 million for public infrastructure related to the Project.

On March 24, 2015, the City adopted Resolution No. 6694 approving a Construction Reimbursement Agreement with Lewis-Hillwood Rialto Company, LLC for construction of the Miro Way Improvement Project (MWI Project). On September 8, 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 6822 approving the Amended and Restated Construction Administration Agreement for Miro Way. The total budget for the amended construction Project is \$13,755,053 funded from various sources, including development impact fees and Airport Escrow Account funds. The City paid a portion of the costs outside of escrow (\$83,273) for right-of-way acquisition, with the balance of funding (\$13,671,780) deposited into escrow.

On May 12, 2015, the City adopted Resolution No. 6732 approving a Construction Reimbursement Agreement with Lewis-Hillwood Rialto Company, LLC for construction of the Alder Avenue Improvement Project (AAI Project). The total budget for the Phase I Project was \$5,414,108. The City's contribution derives from various sources, including development impact fees and Airport Escrow Account funds.

On May 22, 2015, the City, LHR, and First Savings Bank (FSB) entered separate Joint Escrow Instructions for the administration of funds related to the MWI Project and the AAI Project. FSB will hold the funding for both projects, subject to periodic releases by the City to pay for authorized project related expenses.

On October 13, 2015, the City Council approved a Construction Reimbursement Agreement for Laurel/Walnut/Locust Improvements by and between the City of Rialto and Lewis Hillwood Rialto LLC and reallocated funding within the Airport Escrow budget. On December 1, 2015, the City and LHR entered Joint Escrow Instructions for the Laurel, Walnut, and Locust Improvements (the "PI Escrow

Account").

Since a third-party trustee disburses these funds, expenditures do not enter the City's normal financial reporting systems. Because of the substantial size of the expenditures, staff indicated that it would provide a monthly report to the City Council summarizing the income and expenditures related to the Airport Escrow Account.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

Expenditures from Miro Way Escrow Account (MWI Escrow Account)

On June 26, 2015, the City deposited the amount of \$8,120,000 in the MWI Escrow Account. The deposit represented contributions from the Drainage Development Impact Fee (\$5,724,000), Regional Traffic Development Impact Fee (\$524,000), and the Wastewater Collection Development Impact Fee (\$1,872,000). On October 28, 2015, the City deposited the balance of funding from the Airport Escrow Account (\$5,551,780). The total deposited funds equal \$13,671,780. Upon project completion, Panattoni will reimburse the Airport Escrow Account the sums of \$267,606 (for 210 Logistics Center), \$538,174 (for I-210 Logistics Center II), and \$415,408.22 for I-210 Logistics Center III. On March 13, 2017, Panattoni paid the City \$538,174.08 for I-210 II; on September 7, 2017, the City deposited \$415,408.22 for I-210 II; and on May 2, 2018, the City deposited \$267,606.00 from the I-210 project.

The City closed this account during August 2019 and distributed the remaining funds to various City accounts. A detailed income and expense report showing all activity through the month ending August 31, 2019, is included as **Exhibit A.** Table 1 summarizes the MWI Escrow Account activity from inception through August 31, 2019. There was a final distribution of interest earned during August 2019 and then this account is closed and no longer reported.

Total authorized expenditures (as adjusted by the Amended and Restated Construction Reimbursement Agreement) were \$13,671,780. The City expended \$11,986,495.92.

The City Treasurer invests the fund balances in the Cal Trust Short Term Fund. The latest reported average annual total return for the Fund was 2.69%. The latest monthly statements from Cal Trust and First Savings Bank are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

Through August 31, 2019, the net portfolio returns were \$190,179.67 consisting of interest earnings of \$181,937.29 and realized/unrealized gains of \$8,242.38. The City released surplus interest income accumulated through August 31, 2019 (\$190,179.67), and the final interest distribution to the City occurred during August 2019.

Table 1

Summary of Account Status

Miro Way Improvement Escrow Account

					Tot	
Summary	Date	Fund	Budget	Actuals		Amounts
Total Required Expenditures					\$	11,986,495.92
Total Deposits	8/31/2019				\$	11,986,495.92
Total Expenditures to Date	8/31/2019				\$	(11,986,495.92)
Storm Drain		230	\$5,724,000	(\$5,849,908.87)		
Regional Traffic		250	\$524,000	(\$217,239.57)		
Wastewater Collection		660	\$1,872,000	(\$1,335,501.94)		
Miro Street Improvements		300	\$5,551,780	(\$4,583,845.53)		
			\$13,671,780	(\$11,986,495.92)		
Remaining Required Expenditures	8/31/2019				\$	0.00
Available Funds in Escrow Account (NAV)						
Cash with First American Trust	08/31/19			\$0.00		
Cal Trust Portfolio	08/31/19			\$0.00		
						\$0.00
Investments						
Cumulative Investment Income	08/31/19				\$	181,937.29
Cumulative Realized Investment Gains/(Losses)	08/31/19				\$	937.64
Cumulative Unrealized Investment Gains/(Losses)	08/31/19				\$	7,304.74
Net Portfolio Returns	08/31/19				\$	190,179.67
Transfer to City General Fund Reserves	08/31/19				\$	(190,179.67)
Balance of Investment Earnings in Escrow Account	08/31/19				\$	-

Source: Reconciliation of August, 2019 Statements from FSB and CalTrust

Expenditures from the Alder Avenue Escrow Account (AAI Escrow Account)

On June 26, 2015, the City deposited the amount of \$5,414,108 in the AAI Escrow Account. The deposit represented contributions from the Drainage DIF (\$1,065,558) and Regional Traffic DIF (\$2,478,622). The balance of funding derives from the Airport Escrow Account (\$1,869,928), which transferred on June 12, 2015.

The City did not have any expenditures from this account during August 2019. A detailed income and expense report showing all activity through the month ending August 31, 2019, is included as **Exhibit C.** Table 2 summarizes the AAI Escrow Account activity from inception through August 31, 2019. Total authorized expenditures are \$5,414,108. To date, the City has expended \$2,296,723.11 with remaining required expenditures of \$3,117,384.89.

The City Treasurer invests the fund balances in the CalTrust Short Term Fund. The latest reported average annual total return for the GMMF was 2.69%. The latest monthly statements from Cal Trust and First Savings Bank are attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

Through August 31, 2019, the net portfolio returns were \$175,351.47 consisting of interest earnings of \$168,018.18 and realized/unrealized gains of \$7,333.29. The City received a release of surplus interest income to the General Fund accumulated through August 31, 2019 (\$75,869.11), with current retained investment income of \$99,482.36.

Table 2

Summary of Account Status

Alder Avenue Improvement Escrow Account

					Tota	
Summary	Date	Fund	Budget	Actuals		Amounts
Total Required Expenditures					\$	5,414,108.00
Total Deposits	8/31/2019				\$	5,414,108.00
Total Expenditures to Date	8/31/2019				\$	(2,296,723.11)
Storm Drain		230	\$1,065,558.00	(\$1,155,112.01)		
Regional Traffic		250	\$2,478,622.00	(\$802,075.09)		
Other Improvements		300	\$1,869,928.00	(\$339,536.01)		
			\$5,414,108.00	(\$2,296,723.11)		
Remaining Required Expenditures	8/31/2019				\$	3,117,384.89
Available Funds in Escrow Account (NAV)						
Cash with First American Trust	8/31/2019			\$184.89		
Cal Trust Portfolio	8/31/2019			\$3,216,682.35		
						\$3,216,867.24
Investments						
Cumulative Investment Income					\$	168,018.18
Cumulative Realized Investment Gains/(Losses)	8/31/2019				\$	945.38
Cumulative Unrealized Investment Gains/(Losses)	8/31/2019				\$	6,387.91
Net Portfolio Returns	8/31/2019				\$	175,351.47
Transfer to City General Fund Reserves	8/31/2019				\$	(75,869.11)
Balance of Investment Earnings in Escrow Account	8/31/2019				Ś	99,482.36

Source: Reconciliation of August, 2019 Statements from FSB and CalTrust

Expenditures from the Laurel/Walnut/Locust Escrow Account (PI Escrow Account)

On January 19, 2016, the City deposited the amount of \$4,616,534 in the PI Escrow Account (Laurel/Walnut/Locust), transferring funds from the Airport Escrow Account.

The City did not have any expenditures from this Account during August 2019. A detailed income and expense report showing all activity through the month ending August 31, 2019, is included as **Exhibit E.** Table 3 summarizes the PI Escrow Account activity from inception through August 31, 2019.

Total authorized expenditures are \$4,616,534.00. To date, the City has expended \$1,733,505.29 with remaining required expenditures of \$2,883,028.71.

The City Treasurer invests the fund balances in the Cal Trust Short Term Fund. The latest reported average annual total return was 2.69%. The latest monthly statements from Cal Trust and First Savings Bank are attached hereto as **Exhibit F**.

Through August 31, 2019, the net portfolio returns were \$184,885.83 consisting of interest earnings of \$179,356.03 and realized/unrealized gains of \$5,529.80. The City received a release of surplus interest income to the General Fund accumulated through August 31, 2019 (\$92,883.55), with current retained investment income of \$92,002.28.

Table 3

Summary of Account Status

Locust/Laurel/Walnut Improvement Escrow Account

Summary	Date	Fund			Amounts	
Total Required Expenditures				\$	4,616,534.00	
Total Deposits	8/31/2019	300		\$	4,616,534.00	
Total Expenditures to Date	8/31/2019	300		\$	(1,733,505.29)	
Remaining Required Expenditures	8/31/2019			\$	2,883,028.71	
Available Funds in Escrow Account (NAV)						
Cash with First American Trust	8/31/2019		\$41,352.86			
Cal Trust Portfolio	8/31/2019		\$2,933,678.12			
					\$2,975,030.98	
Investments						
Cumulative Investment Income	8/31/2019			\$	179,356.03	
Cumulative Realized Investment Gains/(Losses)	8/31/2019			\$	1,366.59	
Cumulative Unrealized Investment Gains/(Losses)	8/31/2019			\$	4,163.21	
Net Portfolio Returns	8/31/2019			\$	184,885.83	
Transfer to City General Fund Reserves	8/31/2019			\$	(92,883.55)	
Balance of Investment Earnings in Escrow Account	8/31/2019			Ś	92,002.28	

Source: Reconciliation of August, 2019 Statements from FSB and CalTrust

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Pursuant to Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act, a "Project' means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. A Project does not include the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY:

The proposed action is consistent with the following Guiding Principle of the General Plan:

"Our City government will lead by example, and will operate in an open, transparent, and responsive manner that meets the needs of the citizens and is a good place to do business."

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the staff report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The report summarizes various financial transactions of the Miro Way, Alder Avenue, and Laurel/Locust/Walnut Escrow Accounts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council Receive and File the Statement of Income and Expenditures related to the Miro Way Improvement Escrow Account, the Alder Avenue Improvement Escrow Account, and the Laurel/Walnut/Locust Improvement Escrow Account for the month ending August 31, 2019.