

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-80**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGECREST APPROVING  
NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT OR CONTRACT  
CHANGE ORDER FOR REMOVAL OF CERTAIN  
VALVE BOXES AND MANHOLES ON SOUTH  
CHINA LAKE BOULEVARD**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ridgecrest has awarded a contract to Sierra Cascade Construction Company for constructing drainage culverts on South China Lake Boulevard at Parkview, Wilson, Church, and Upjohn Avenues. Construction is scheduled to start September 22, 1998 and to be completed by the end of October. The contract will require lane closures to install the culverts; and

**WHEREAS**, a second contract, for repair of the street pavement on South China Lake Boulevard from Ridgecrest Boulevard to Upjohn Avenue will be advertised on September 17 for construction to begin immediately following the completion of the drainage project. The first phase of the paving contract will require removing concrete from around valves boxes and survey monuments, lowering manhole covers, and adjusting telephone vaults to clear the way for paving. The removal phase will take about one week and will require additional lane closures; and

**WHEREAS**, it is possible to separate the removal work from the paving contract, add it to the drainage contract, and consolidate lane closures. This would save the driving public the inconvenience of more lane closures and save construction time on the paving contract; and

**WHEREAS**, Preparing and advertising a separate contract for the removal work would be impractical because it would require more time than it would save. The best opportunity for meeting the schedule is to negotiate a change order to the drainage contract to add the removal items. The single contractor could then do both the drainage work and the removal work for the paving project during the same lane closures. A backup position to allow negotiation with another contractor in the area would be prudent in case we are unable to arrive at an acceptable price with the first contractor; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial estimate of the cost of the change is \$8,000.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest does hereby resolve as follows:

The staff is authorized to negotiate a change to the drainage contract to remove concrete from around valves boxes and survey monuments, lower

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manhole covers, and adjust telephone vaults to clear the way for paving South China Lake Boulevard, using funds programmed for the paving contract. If staff is unable to reach a satisfactory agreement with the drainage project contractor they may negotiate with another contractor in the area.

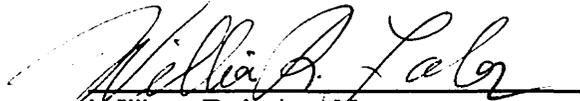
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1998, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Mayor Lalor, Council Members Auld, Carter, and Morgan

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

  
William R. Lalor, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
John I. Sterling  
City Clerk