



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	City Council
MEETING DATE:	October 7, 2024
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on request to limit vehicular traffic in Frenship Mesa on Halloween night
STAFF INITIATOR:	Rick Scott, ACM

BACKGROUND:

Several residents in the Frenship Mesa neighborhood have, over the years, hosted Halloween night festivities that have drawn an increasingly larger number of visitors. Some of those residents reached out to request that vehicular traffic in the neighborhood be limited to just residents during the hours in which their neighborhood is the busiest due to the number of pedestrians participating in the Halloween festivities.

City staff met with several residents and agreed that, in the interest of safety, it would be best to restrict non-resident vehicular access between the hours of 5:30 PM and 9:30 PM on Halloween night.

This would be an event that would be worked by City Staff who would man a command post at the event and all the points of ingress/egress to the neighborhood. The plan would be to prohibit non-resident vehicular traffic within the neighborhood. We would not limit the movement of residents within the community but would ask that they enter and exit from a specific location that would be manned by a uniformed police officer. Residents wishing to come and go during the evening will be provided with a vehicle pass so that officers manning entry/exit points will know that they are a resident.

If this event is approved there will be unbudgeted overtime expenses associated with the extra staff needed to work such an event. The required staff is estimated to be between 6 and 8 employees. Due to the limited number of available employees and other commitments this may necessitate that some of the law enforcement personnel be brought in from an outside agency.

The residents that we met with have begun communicating this plan with their neighbors and, if approved, we will share the plan through social media and our web site.

EXHIBITS:

Google Maps print out depicting proposed closures

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests approval to proceed with the plan as presented.