TO:        HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM:      CITY MANAGER     DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATE:      May 13, 2002           CMR:236:02

SUBJECT: APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF PARK IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A RESTROOM AT HOOVER PARK, 2901 COWPER, AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $75,000, RECEIVING A DONATION FROM PEERY & ARRILLAGA FOUNDATION INTO CIP 10010, PARK FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council approve and adopt the attached Park Improvement Ordinance authorizing the installation of a permanent restroom facility at Hoover Park. Staff also recommends that Council approve the attached Budget Amendment Ordinance (BAO), which increases expenses to Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project 10010, Park Facilities Improvement, in the amount of $75,000 and accepts a contribution of $75,000 from the Peery & Arrillaga Foundation.

BACKGROUND
South Palo Alto's Hoover Park is used throughout the year for youth athletics, including Little League baseball and soccer. Additionally, the park contains tennis courts, a handball court, basketball area, two children’s play areas, dog run, and picnic facilities. In September 2002, community representatives and park users presented a petition to City Council requesting the installation of a permanent restroom. The City Council referred the issue to the Park and Recreation Commission (PARC). Subsequently, John Arrillaga, on behalf of the Peery & Arrillaga Foundation, contacted the City with a pledge to donate the cost of a restroom facility for Hoover Park.

The PARC held public meetings and recommended that permanent restrooms be installed at the City's three community parks that did not already have restroom facilities: Hoover Park, Cubberley athletic fields, and Terman Park. The PARC also recommended that Hoover Park be first to receive a restroom and the others be constructed as funding becomes available. The City Council approved the PARC recommendations and directed staff to begin planning for the addition of a restroom at Hoover Park (CMR: 464:01).
DISCUSSION
A public meeting was held at Hoover Park on December 5, 2001, at which the placement and type of restroom was discussed and generally approved. With this input, staff researched appropriate restroom manufacturers, produced plans, and received approvals from the Planning and Community Environment, Public Works and Fire Departments; and the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

The restroom chosen is a pre-fabricated unit that will be placed at the southern-most portion of the park, in the picnic area. It contains two wheelchair- accessible restrooms and a small mechanic's room (janitor closet) between them. The exterior is horizontal fiber cement siding, which looks like white clapboard construction. The interior walls are white ceramic tile with epoxy grout, treated with a unique anti-graffiti finish. The flooring is concrete with additives, which permanently seals the concrete to a depth of 3/4". This makes it 99 percent water/urine proof. The fixtures are vitreous china. The doors and roof are green metal. The restrooms have large screened windows and solar lighting. While the restroom does not contain a drinking fountain, there is an adjacent existing one. The restroom comes with a five-year warranty.

RESOURCE IMPACT
The attached BAO requests an additional appropriation of revenues and expenses and has no impact on the Budget Stabilization Reserve. No future General Fund ongoing costs are anticipated as a result of this BAO.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
This recommendation does not represent any change to existing City policies.

NEXT STEPS
The schedule for installation includes: sewer line installation in May 2002; pre-installation contract work for water line, backflow preventer, and surfacing preparation in May or early June; and installation of a pre-fabricated restroom in June 2002.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. This project has been approved by the Santa Clara Valley Water District Community Projects Group.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment A: Budget Amendment Ordinance
Attachment B: Park Improvement Ordinance