



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT WARDS: 5 AND 6
**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING - ARLINGTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
2016/17 LEVY - RESOLUTION ADOPTION**

ISSUES:

Conduct a public hearing to rule on any protests to the annual assessment proposed for the Arlington Business Improvement District, confirm the annual report of the Arlington Business Partnership (ABP) acting as the advisory board to the Arlington Business Improvement District, provide fiscal and operational direction to the ABP, and adopt a resolution to impose the annual assessment for the 2016/17 year in the ABID.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Conduct the Public Hearing, and hear and rule on any protests to the Arlington Business Improvement District ABID assessment and projects for 2016/17;
2. Confirm the 2015/16 Annual Report of the Arlington Business Partnership acting in its capacity as the advisory board to the Arlington Business Improvement District;
3. Direct the Arlington Business Partnership to) to expend revenues derived from the Arlington Business Improvement District assessment and the \$100,000 matching grant from the City and to operate programs and activities in accordance with Chapter 3.48 of the Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) and the 2015/16 Annual Report; and
4. Adopt a Resolution to impose the assessment for the Arlington Business Improvement District for business tax year 2016/17

BACKGROUND:

The Arlington Business Improvement District (ABID) was formed in 2002 pursuant to the provisions of the California Streets and Highways Code Section 36500. The annual assessment is described in the RMC section 3.48.070 as an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the business tax charge or \$400, whichever is less. The City's business tax rates are adjusted annually on November 1st (up to a maximum of 5%), in response to changes in the Consumer

Price Index as published by the United States Department of Labor for the Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside metropolitan area. On November 1, 2015, the City's business tax rates increased by 1.0%.

DISCUSSION:

Prior Action

The City Council adopted a resolution on August 23, 2016, declaring its intention to impose an assessment for the Arlington BID for the fiscal year 2016/17, effective November 1, 2016, and set a Public Hearing for September 27, 2016. At that meeting, the Annual Report of the Arlington Business Partnership (ABP), acting as the advisory board to the ABID, was included as supporting documentation to assist the City Council in making its decision to adopt the resolution. The Report included the history of the ABID, proposed 2016/17 expenditures and programs, and the method and basis of levying the assessments for 2016/17.

Current Action

Conduct a public hearing and at the conclusion, the City Council must rule as to whether there has been a majority protest to the imposition of the assessment for the type of activities proposed. If none exists, confirm the Annual Report with direction to the ABP to expend the resources of the BID in accordance with RMC section 3.48.070, and adopt the resolution imposing the assessment for fiscal year 2016/17.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City if the assessments are not collected because all funds are transferred directly from the City to the ABP. The assessments are projected to total approximately \$185,000 for the 2016/17 fiscal year. The City provides a \$100,000 matching grant that the ABP anticipates receiving. The grant has been included in the 2016/17 approved budget in account 2830102-459979, Arlington Business Improvement District.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution Confirming the Annual Report of the ABP and Levying Assessments for Fiscal Year 2016/17
2. Annual Report of the ABID
3. Boundary Map of the ABID
4. Presentation