



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JUNE 27, 2017

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT WARD: 7

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING - 2017/18 RIVERWALK LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT – RESOLUTION ADOPTION

ISSUES:

Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the levy of annual assessments within the Riverwalk Landscape Maintenance District and approve the resolution to levy the assessments.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Conduct the Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments relative to the 2017/18 Riverwalk Landscape Maintenance District assessments; and
2. Consider the adoption of a resolution confirming the Engineer's Report and establishing the 2017/18 Riverwalk Landscape Maintenance District assessments.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverwalk Landscape Maintenance District was formed under the provisions of the 1972 Street Lighting and Landscaping Act. In July 2002, a property owner ballot, required by Proposition 218, approved the formation of the District. The landscape improvements designed for the project are in excess of normal City standards and the construction of the improvements has been funded by the developer of the Riverwalk neighborhood.

The Public Hearing was scheduled to discuss and adopt a resolution for the proposed 2017/18 assessments for the Riverwalk Landscape Maintenance District. The cost of maintaining the landscaping and administration of the District will be assessed to the property owners within the District. All parcels within the District have been assessed annually regardless of the status of their development.

DISCUSSION:

The procedures of the Lighting and Landscaping Act of 1972 require a Public Hearing prior to the adoption of a resolution confirming the Engineer's Report and levying the annual assessments.

Annually the assessments are reviewed and any unspent balance remains with the District and can serve to reduce the subsequent years' assessments. An excess balance of \$126,803 was used to reduce the current year's assessments. The Engineer's Report reflects annual assessment for the 2017/18 fiscal year to be \$225.72 per residential parcel. The District formation process allows for a maximum annual assessment of \$324.53 per residential parcel, increased each year by the Consumer Price Index. The assessments levied in any year will not exceed the estimated amount required to maintain the improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of maintaining the parcels within the District will be assessed to the property owners within the District. Assessments are based on actual and projected expenditures and will not exceed the maximum assessment established in 2002/03 with the District formation. The 2017/18 estimated landscape budget for the Riverwalk area is \$450,908; the assessment per residential parcel will be \$225.72. In 2016/17 the estimated landscape budget for the District was \$461,116 and the assessment per residential parcel was \$225.72.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. 2017/18 Riverwalk Landscape Maintenance District Engineer's Report
3. Presentation