



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JULY 2, 2019

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 DIAGRAM AND LEVYING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

ISSUES:

Conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments relative to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 Assessments and adopt a resolution confirming the diagram and assessment for the Street Light Assessment District No. 1 contained in the Final Engineer's Report and approving the levy of assessments on all assessable lots and parcels of land therein for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Conduct the Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments relative to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Street Lighting Assessment District No.1 assessments; and
2. Adopt a resolution confirming the diagram and assessment for the Street Light Assessment District No. 1 contained in the Final Engineer's Report and approving the levy of assessments on all assessable lots and parcels of land therein for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

BACKGROUND:

On July 26, 1988, upon adoption of Resolution No. 16873, the City of Riverside formed the Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 under the provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972. The boundaries upon formation included the entire territory within the corporate boundaries of the City of Riverside, as they existed on September 1, 1987. Since formation of the Street Lighting District, the City has authorized annexations of property to the District. The annexed areas are included in the attached Engineer's Report.

The Street Lighting Assessment District uses a unit of benefit formula to determine street light assessments for individual properties. A unit of benefit is the first 199 feet of street frontage, with one additional unit of benefit for each 100 feet of additional street frontage. Residential properties

on corner parcels are assessed based on only one street frontage. Non-residential properties on corner parcels are assessed based on all street frontages.

On February 5, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution 23418 ordering the preparation of the attached Annual Engineer's Report for the City of Riverside Street Lighting District No. 1. The report outlines the cost of operating and maintaining street lights citywide for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, as well as the method of apportioning these costs to the property owners within the District.

On June 4, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution 23449 approving the Preliminary Annual Engineer's Report for the Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 and setting a public hearing for July 2, 2019 to approve the Final Annual Engineer's Report for the Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 and authorizing the levy of special assessments within the District.

DISCUSSION:

The following are the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Street Light Assessment District No. 1 assessments, which will be levied at the assessment amounts established in 1997 by Measure EE. There was no adjustment based on CPI set at formation. The proposed assessments per unit of benefit have been at the same level since the Fiscal Year 1996-1997/97 assessments. Due to Proposition 218, increasing assessments to account for increased operations and maintenance costs will require a majority vote of all property owners and renters paying assessments within the District. Currently, the proposed level of assessments will recover approximately 77% of the estimated street light expenditures, with the City General Fund covering the remainder.

Benefit Zone	Assessment per Unit of Benefit
Residential	\$31.44
Residential – Rural	\$23.76
Condominium, Apartment, & Mobile Homes	\$27.60
Non-Residential (Commercial & Industrial)	\$67.04
Rural	\$2.44

Street Light Assessment District No. 1 procedures require that the City Council hold a Public Hearing prior to the adoption of a resolution confirming the Annual Engineer's Report and establishing the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 annual assessments for the Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1. Due to the size of the proposed assessment roll referred to in the Engineer's Report, it is listed under a separate cover and is on file with the City Clerk.

Amounts and parcels listed in the Final Assessment Roll referred to in the Final Assessment Engineer's Report are based on current data available but are subject to modification when the County of Riverside releases its final accepted parcel configuration data at the end of June 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 assessment levy will collect approximately \$3,507,658 from the Street Lighting Assessment District. The General Fund subsidy for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is estimated to be \$1,052,533. Sufficient funding exists in the General Fund's adopted FY 2019/20 budget for this estimated subsidy.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Preliminary 2019/20 Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 Engineer's Report
3. Preliminary 2019/20 Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 Assessment Roll
4. Preliminary 2019/20 Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 Diagrams
5. Resolution 23449 declaring intention to levy and collect assessments for FY 2019-20
6. Presentation