



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: JUNE 1, 2021**

**FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT** **WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1; APPROVING PRELIMINARY ENGINEER'S REPORT; AND GIVING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT**

## **ISSUES:**

Adopt a resolution declaring the City's intent to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 within Street Lighting District No. 1, approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report and setting a public hearing for final approval of the levy of special assessments within the District for July 6, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution declaring the City's intent to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 within Street Lighting District No. 1 and approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report; and
2. Set a Public Hearing for final approval of the levy of special assessment within the District for July 6, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On February 2, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 23674, ordering the preparation of the attached Preliminary Annual Engineer's Report for City of Riverside Street Lighting District No. 1. The report outlines the cost of operating and maintaining Street Lights citywide for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, as well as the method of apportioning those costs to the property owners within the District.

The Street Light Assessment District uses a unit of benefit formula to determine streetlight assessments for individual properties. The first unit of benefit is the first 199 feet of street frontage, with one additional unit of benefit for each additional 100 feet of street frontage. Residential properties on corner parcels are assessed based on street frontage along one side. Non-residential properties on corner parcels are assessed based on all street frontages.

**DISCUSSION:**

The following chart shows the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Street Light Assessment District No. 1 assessments, which will be levied at the assessment amounts established in 1997 by Measure EE.

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

The proposed level of assessments will currently recover approximately 75% of the estimated streetlight expenditures, with the City General Fund covering the remainder. There was no adjustment based on the CPI set at formation. Therefore, 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 in accordance with Proposition 218.

Street Light Assessment District No. 1 procedures require the adoption of a Resolution approving the 2021-2022 Preliminary Engineer's Report and the proposed assessments. 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. The Resolution also sets the required public hearing for the final approval of the levy of special assessments within the District for July 6, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The 2021/22 assessment levy will collect approximately \$3,515,357 from the Street Light Assessment District, which will cover approximately 75% of the estimated streetlight expenditures. The General Fund portion is estimated to be \$1,196,743 and is incorporated within the Fiscal Year 2021/22 proposed budget.

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**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Preliminary 2021-2022 Street Light Assessment District No. 1 Engineer's Report
3. Preliminary 2021-2022 Street Light Assessment District No. 1 Assessment Roll
4. Preliminary 2021-2022 Street Light Assessment District No. 1 Engineer's Diagrams