



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JULY 6, 2021**

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 DIAGRAM AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

ISSUES:

Conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments relative to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 Assessments and adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Riverside to confirm the diagram and assessment for the Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 and levying assessments on all assessable lots and parcels of land therein for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments relative to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 assessments; and
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Riverside to confirm the diagram and assessment for the Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 and levying assessments on all assessable lots and parcels of land therein for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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 the 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.

In June 1997, the voters passed Measure EE, which approved the continuation of the Street Lighting Assessment District. The district uses a unit of benefit formula to determine streetlight assessments for individual properties. A unit of benefit is the first 199 feet of street frontage, with one additional unit of benefit for every 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 2, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 23674 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 streetlights citywide for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and the method of apportioning these costs to the property owners within the District.

On June 1, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 23715, approving the Preliminary Annual Engineer's Report for the Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 and setting a public hearing for July 6, 2021 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 table below identifies each type of benefitting zone established within the district at formation. The amount per unit of benefit is used when determining the assessment each year. The proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 assessments will be levied at these same assessment amounts which were affirmed in 1997 by Measure EE. There was no adjustment based on the CPI set at formation. The proposed assessments per unit of benefit have been at the same level since the Fiscal Year 1996-1997 assessments. Due to Proposition 218, increasing assessments to account for increased operations and maintenance costs will require a majority vote of all property owners within the District. Currently, the proposed level of assessments will recover approximately 75% 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, Mobile Home & Apartment	\$27.60
Non-Residential (Commercial & Industrial)	\$67.04
Rural	\$2.44

Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 procedures require the City Council to hold a Public Hearing prior to the adoption of a resolution confirming the Annual Engineer's Report and establishing the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 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. The rates will not change, but the overall revenue collected is subject to slight modification when the County of Riverside releases its final accepted parcel configuration data at the end of June 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 assessment levy will collect approximately \$3,515,357 from the Street

Lighting Assessment District. The General Fund subsidy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 is estimated to be \$1,196,743 and is incorporated within the annual budget process.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. FY 2021-22 Street Light Assessment District No. 1 Engineer's Report
3. FY 2021-22 Street Light Assessment District No. 1 Assessment Roll
4. FY 2021-22 Street Light Assessment District No. 1 Engineer's Diagrams
5. Resolution 23715 declaring intention to levy and collect assessments for FY 2021-2022
6. Presentation