



AGENDA ITEM

- MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010
- TITLE:** Consolidation of existing Streetlight Maintenance and Landscape Maintenance Districts into City of Glendora Streetlight and Landscape Assessment District No. 1 and Initiating of Proceedings to Levy FY 2010-11 Assessment in Connection with the Consolidated District and order the preparation of an Engineer's Report for the Fiscal Year 2010/11 for such District.
- PRESENTED BY:** David A. Davies, Public Works Director *DAD*
- RECOMMENDATION:** City Council waive full reading, read by title only and adopt a Resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, CONSOLIDATING THE EXISTING STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS INTO CITY OF GLENDORA STREETLIGHT AND LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 AND INITIATING PROCEEDINGS WITH RESPECT FOR THE LEVY OF AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA."

BACKGROUND:

In past years, the City has funded the streetlights and landscape maintenances through two different assessment districts, namely Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1 and Landscape Maintenance District No. 1. For the coming year, staff recommends consolidating the Streetlight Maintenance and Landscape Maintenance Districts into the City of Glendora Streetlight and Landscape Assessment District No. 1. The Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972 allows local governments to form combined lighting and landscape districts for the purpose of funding the lighting and landscaping costs in public areas.

Combining the districts is a cost savings measure that will result in lower overall administrative costs to form the district. Further, since the functions required to form the districts are identical, the process will be reduced to one set of resolutions, one Engineer's Report, a single ballot mailing, one public hearing and one ballot tabulation.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed assessments will fund the following:

- Maintenance of existing improvements for the street lights, safety lights and traffic signals; electrical power and other operational costs, funded in past years under the Streetlight

Maintenance District No. 1; and

- Maintenance of nineteen different areas in the City where the landscape is managed in past years under the Landscape Maintenance District No. 1.

The Streetlight and Landscape Assessment District No. 1 includes those properties within the City that are located on streets that have public street lights, as well as those properties located within gated communities which are served by public perimeter street lights. The areas of the City that are benefitted by City maintained landscaping are also included in this District. Every property in the District is assessed at a different rate depending on the level of actual service it receives.

The Engineer's Report will determine if there is any increase in the proposed assessment rates for the Fiscal Year 2010-11. Based on actual expenditures, the rates may increase to a maximum by an annual inflation adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) already approved by the property owners. The City Council may levy such assessments without further approval from the property owners in the District as it is not considered increase of the assessment pursuant to Article XIID of the California Constitution. Currently, the electrical rate increases have outpaced the available inflation adjustment, leaving a shortfall for this fiscal year of over \$40,000. Landscape maintenance has been reduced due to increasing costs as well. Staff will recommend an increase for the district to pay the electrical costs associated with the special benefit.

In the event, the actual expenditures exceeds the cost that can be recovered under the maximum permissible rate than the City Council may not increase the assessment rate without obtaining property owners' consent and complying with all the requirements of Proposition 218 (Section 53750 et seq. of California Government Code).

The Resolution before the Council tonight will begin proceedings to initiate the levy of assessment for the Streetlight and Landscape Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2010-11. This Resolution directs staff to prepare the Engineer's Report showing proposed assessments against parcels within the District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

CEQA (CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT):

A Statutory Exemption will be submitted at the time of intention to levy the assessments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The improvements to be maintained and serviced in connection with the streetlight maintenance are public lighting facilities (street lights, safety lights, and traffic signals) and appurtenances throughout the District.

The improvements to be maintained under landscape services are the areas where City maintains the common landscape areas as a condition of development of such areas.

These improvements provide significant special benefit to the assessed parcels. Through the assessment, the property owners pay for the annual costs for the maintenance. No increases to fund capital improvements are proposed. The fiscal impact will be determined after the preparation of the Engineer's Report. Currently, the annual inflation adjustment for the Lighting District has not kept pace with Edison rate increases and landscape maintenance has been

reduced in some areas due to rising costs.

By means of comparison, the current, FY 2010 Streetlighting District levy -- prior to any action on consolidation -- is expected to generate \$325,000 in revenue and incur \$358,325 in expenditures. The current, FY 2010 Landscape Assessment District levy is expected to generate \$53,653 in revenue and incur \$104,364 in expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution initiating proceedings (3 pages)
Schedule (1 page)