



Staff Report

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**Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council
Adjourned Regular Meeting of May 28, 2019**

**APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION
OF A REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS
WITHIN THE HERMOSA BEACH LANDSCAPING AND
STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT DURING FY 2019-2020
(Acting Public Works Director Lucho Rodriguez)**

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the preparation of a report for the annual levy of assessments within the Hermosa Beach Landscaping and Street Lighting District during fiscal year 2019-2020.

Executive Summary:

The Hermosa Beach Street Lighting and Landscaping Assessment District was created for street lighting and median maintenance purposes pursuant to Street and Highway Code Sections 22500-22679.

Background:

The Landscaping and Street Lighting District provides for the maintenance and operation of the citywide street lighting program and landscaping within street medians and parkways. The Landscaping and Street Lighting District must be renewed annually. The assessment rate per dwelling unit has not increased since the passage of Proposition 218 in 1996.

Analysis:

The Landscaping and Street Lighting District provides for the maintenance and operation of the citywide street lighting program and landscaping within street medians and parkways. The Annual Levy on the Landscaping and Street Lighting District must be renewed annually.

Based on the advice of the City Attorney, the City is in compliance with Proposition 218 and can continue to levy assessments to pay for the maintenance and operation of street lights, street medians and parkway landscaping without balloting requirements so long as the assessments are not increased. The assessment rate per dwelling unit has not increased since the passage of Proposition 218 in 1996.

In approving the attached Resolution, the City Council authorizes the preparation of a report, which will contain maps, methodology, costs and estimated assessments for the Landscaping and Street Lighting District. As required, the following steps must be taken for the levy and collection of assessments for fiscal year 2019-2020 within the City's Landscaping and Street Lighting District:

1. The Director of Public Works files with the City Clerk the report consisting of, among other things, the map and the assessments.
2. The City Council adopts a Resolution approving the report of the Director of Public Works.
3. The City Council adopts a Resolution, which sets the date, time and the place for a public hearing in order to accept input on Landscaping and Street Lighting District 2019-2020.
4. The City Council holds a public hearing and adopts a Resolution confirming map and assessment for Landscaping and Street Lighting District 2019-2020 and levies the set assessment rate per unit for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.
5. The City Council adopts the fiscal year 2019-2020 estimated revenue for secured collections for the Landscaping and Street Lighting District.

General Plan Consistency:

PLAN Hermosa, the City's General Plan, was adopted by the City Council in August 2017. PLAN Hermosa was divided into seven elements, each with multiple goals. The relevant goals to the Hermosa Beach Landscaping and Street Lighting District are contained within the Mobility, Parks + Open Space, and Infrastructure Elements:

Mobility:

2.1 Prioritize public right-of-ways. Prioritize improvements of public right-of-ways that provide heightened levels of safe, comfortable and attractive public spaces for all non-motorized travelers while balancing the needs of efficient vehicular circulation.

2.4 Sustainable landscape. Use consistent and sustainable landscape and streetscape designs that reflect the city's community identity; showcase local assets and the community's unique and vibrant culture.

Parks + Open Space:

10.3 Green space co-benefits. Recognize the many positive qualities provided by landscaping, trees, and green space including reduced heat gain, controlled stormwater runoff, absorbed noise, reduced soil erosion, improved aesthetic character, and absorption of air pollution.

Infrastructure:

1.1 Infrastructure systems plan. Establish and adopt an integrated, holistic systems approach to guide infrastructure development, improvement, maintenance, and resilience.

1.4 Fair share assessments. Require new development and redevelopment projects to pay their fair

share of the cost of infrastructure improvements needed to serve the project, and ensure that needed infrastructure is available prior to or at the time of project completion.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

Attachments:

Draft resolution ordering preparation of report

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