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STAFF REPORT

Approved:

Gary A. Napper
City Manager

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: RICK ANGRISANI, CITY ENGINEER

DATE: JULY 18, 2017

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTS IN THE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, FY 2017-18

RECOMMENDATION

Open Public Hearing, receive public comments, close the Public Hearing and approve the attached Resolution.

BACKGROUND

The Engineer's Report submitted by the City Engineer recommends the annual assessments for the Street Lighting Assessment District ("District") remain the same as last year. In addition, to satisfy the requirements of the Streets and Highways Code, the "Fund Balance" for the District has been re-designated as the "Streetlight Replacement Fund". The Fund is used to pay the District's obligations until the City receives the first tax installment for the District in December. The public hearing tonight is to receive any comments from the public on the proposed assessments.

The Council and public may note the City did not mail property owner notices this year nor is it required to hold a public meeting in addition to this public hearing. The process of mailing notices and holding both a public meeting and a public hearing began with the passage of Proposition 218. In reviewing our assessment proceedings, the City Attorney noted that, since the City is not proposing an increase in the assessments, Proposition 218 provisions do not apply. Under that status quo circumstance, the City is now able to return to the original requirements of the Streets and Highways Code which only require a public hearing to receive public comment.

There are no provisions allowing for a "majority protest" to eliminate the assessments (similar to our other assessment districts such as the Oak Street and High Street Permanent Road Divisions).

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FISCAL IMPACT

If this \$125,991.08 annual assessment and Resolution are not approved, the Council must decide whether to fund all street lighting costs on our residential streets from another source, such as Gas Tax funds or the General Fund of the City, or turn off the street lights.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt this Resolution approving the Engineer's Report and confirming the levy of assessments within the Street Lighting Assessment District for FY 2017-18.

Attachments: Resolution confirming Assessments [4 pp.]
Engineer's Report