

February 14, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of  
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of  
February 26, 2002

**A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL  
LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE HERMOSA BEACH LANDSCAPING AND  
STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT DURING FY 2002 - 2003**

**Recommendation:**

Adopt the attached Resolution ordering the preparation of a report for the annual levy of assessments within the Hermosa Beach Landscaping and Street Lighting District during fiscal year 2002 - 2003.

**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. Staff conferred with the City Attorney to determine the applicability of Proposition 218 to the City's Landscaping and Street Lighting District. Briefly, Proposition 218 contains an exception for existing assessments imposed exclusively to fund capital costs and maintenance and operation costs for sidewalks and streets.

Based on the advice of the City Attorney, staff recommends that the City rely on this exemption and continue to levy assessments to pay for the maintenance and operation of street lights, street medians and parkway landscaping without complying with the requirements of the Proposition so long as the assessments are not increased.

**Analysis:**

The Landscaping and Street Lighting District must be renewed annually. In approving the attached Resolution, the City Council authorizes the preparation of a report which will contain plans, specifications, costs and estimated assessments for the Landscaping and Street Lighting District. As required, the following necessary steps must be taken for the levy and collection of assessments for fiscal year 2002 - 2003 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 2002 - 2003.

4. The City Council adopts a Resolution confirming map and assessment for Landscaping and Street Lighting District 2002 – 2003 and levy the set assessment rate per unit for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003.
5. The City Council adopts the fiscal year 2002 - 2003 estimated revenue for secured collections for the Landscaping and Street Lighting District.

**Alternatives:**

Other alternatives available to the City Council and considered by staff are:

1. Let the District lapse; thereby, causing a potential increased General Fund obligation of approximately \$452,000.
2. Retain the District and modify level of service.

Attachment: Draft resolution ordering preparation of report

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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