

March 31, 2005

Honorable Mayor and Members of
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
April 12, 2005

**APPROVAL OF 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 2005 – 2006**

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 2005 – 2006.

Discussion:

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.

Based on the advice of the City Attorney, the City can continue to levy assessments to pay for the maintenance and operation of streetlights, street medians and parkway landscaping without complying with the balloting requirements of Proposition 218 so long as the assessments are not increased.

On March 8, 2005, the City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Harris & Associates to provide assessment-engineering services to amend this District to allow an increase in the assessment up to \$10 per year for FY 2005-06. Staff anticipates that the balloting process will be completed by February 2006. Approving the resolution is necessary to maintain the existing District.

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 steps must be taken for the levy and collection of assessments for fiscal year 2005 - 2006 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 2005 - 2006.
4. The City Council adopts a Resolution confirming map and assessment for Landscaping and Street Lighting District 2005 – 2006 and levy the set assessment rate per unit for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.
5. The City Council adopts the fiscal year 2005 - 2006 estimated revenue for secured collections for the Landscaping and Street Lighting District.

Attachment: Draft resolution ordering preparation of report

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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