



Staff Report

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MEETING DATE:

July 14, 2020

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-8799 - LEVY OF THE ASSESSMENT OF THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 WITHIN THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

Recommendation

ADOPT resolution approving and confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Board or Commission Action

Not applicable

Relevant Council Strategic Theme

Quality of Life

Good Governance

Relevant Department Goal

Not applicable

Executive Summary

This is a public hearing to receive public input on the proposed levy of assessments for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the City of San Marcos Landscaping and Lighting District No. 1. The Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Act of 1972 requires that districts formed under its provisions be renewed each fiscal year in which an assessment is to be levied. City Council adopted the resolution to approve the preliminary engineer's report on June 23, 2020.

Discussion

At the direction of the City Council, the City of San Marcos Landscaping and Lighting District No. 1 was formed June 9, 1981, by Resolution No. 81-1592. The purpose of this district is to provide revenue from any new subdivision or development to pay its fair share of maintenance costs. Revenues from the district pay towards maintenance and energy costs associated with landscaping and street lights within City right-of-way adjacent to or within the subdivision.

The lighting assessments are based on units, with a single-family dwelling equal to one benefit unit. The relationship between single-family lots and apartments, mobile-home parks and commercial/manufacturing has been established at 2.65 single-family lots indicated as "Equivalent Dwelling Units" (EDU) to one acre. The amount that the parcels are assessed is based on the type of lighting provided.

No new parcels have been annexed into the district for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

The Landscaping and Lighting Act requires that a resolution be adopted for the renewal of the district for the upcoming year. The engineer's report is attached which discusses the scope of services and apportionment of the levy.

Fiscal Impact

The total estimated improvement/maintenance assessment for lighting and landscaping for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is \$530,000. The assessments for this district have been frozen since the passage of Proposition 218 in November of 1996. An estimated \$660,000 subsidy from the General Fund will be needed. It is anticipated that revenues for the District will continue to decline as properties currently in the District are redeveloped and annexed to the City's Community Facility District 98-02 (Lighting, Landscaping, Open Space and Preserve Maintenance) which does include annual inflationary adjustments. The renewal of district assessments will allow for the continued levy on annexed properties within the District.

Attachment(s)

Adopting Resolution: 2020-XXXX

Attachment A: Engineer's Report

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