

Adoption of Resolution Approving Engineer's Report and Ordering the Levy and Collection of Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 within the City's Landscape Maintenance Districts

City Council
June 2, 2020

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RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, acting as the legislative body for the Landscape Maintenance Districts (LMDs), approve and authorize:

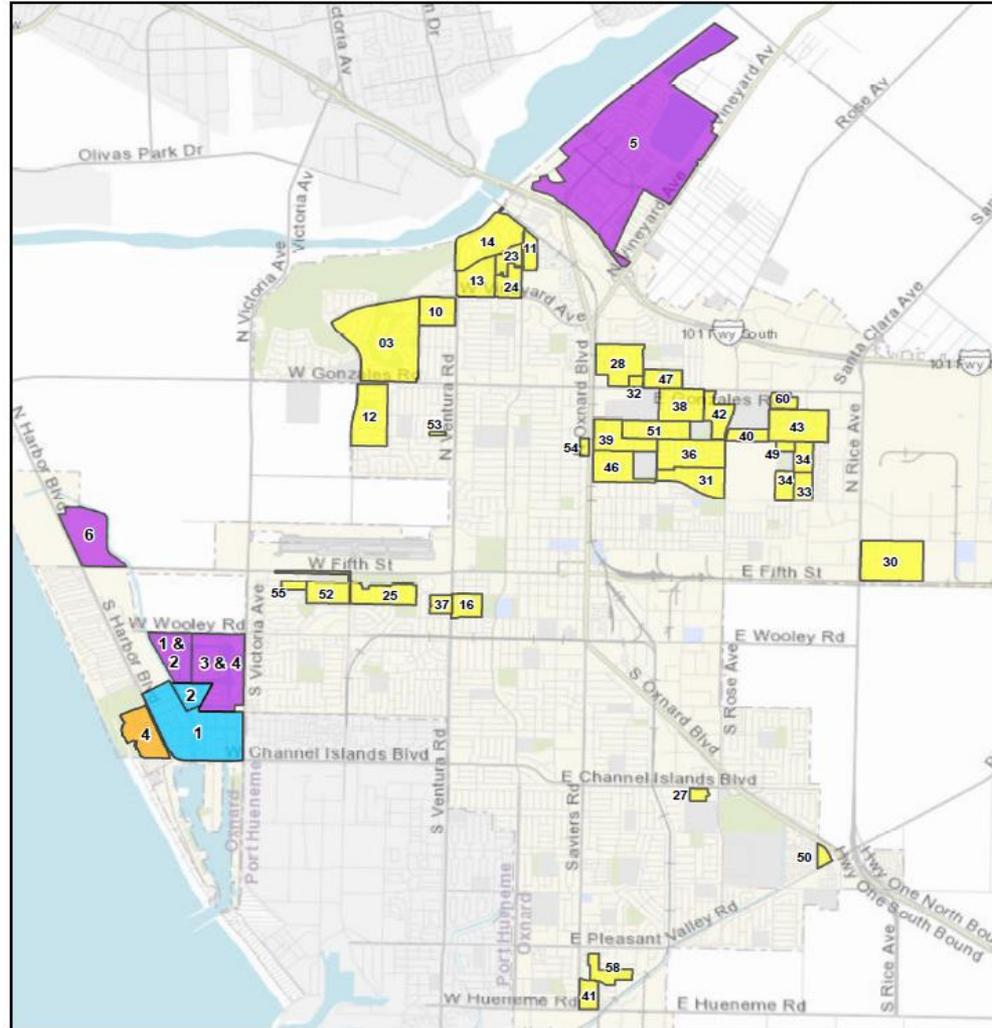
1. Holding a public hearing to receive public testimony regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 assessments for the City's LMDs; and
2. Adopting a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Consolidated Engineer's Report and ordering the levy and collection of assessments for Fiscal Year 2020-21 within the City's LMDs pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972

DISCUSSION

- May 19, 2020, City Council adopted Resolution No. 15,331 which initiated proceedings and Resolution No. 15,332 declaring intention to levy assessments for Fiscal Year 2020-21, preliminarily approved the Consolidated Engineer's Report for the thirty six (36) LMDs, and set a public hearing for June 2, 2020
- Staff has calculated assessment rates and expenditures for maintenance in the City's thirty six (36) LMDs

MAP OF ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS IN CITY

CITY OF OXNARD ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS



- Maintenance Assessment District (District No.)
- Community Facilities District (District No.)
- Waterway Assessment District (Zone No.)
- Landscape Maintenance District (District No.)

Additional information can be found at: oxnard.org/city-department/publicworks

DISCUSSION

- Assessment data will be delivered to the Ventura County Auditor-Controller's Office and processed for the collection of assessments
- This action must take place prior to July 6, 2020

GENERAL BENEFIT

- General benefit is an overall benefit to the public at large resulting from the maintenance activities provided by the special taxes in the LMDs
- Ongoing LMD maintenance activities also provides a benefit to some property within proximity to the LMD, as well as visitors and individuals passing through the LMD
- There is a level of general benefit to people who do not live in or intend to conduct business within the LMDs
- Amount of general benefit that is provided from the LMDs maintenance activities cannot be funded via property owners' assessments and must therefore be funded by the General Fund

UTILITY CAPS

- A number of LMDs were created with utility caps, limiting the percentage by which a district's utilities can be increased each year
- Regardless of utility rate or usage increases, the LMDs may only increase their utilities based on the formula set forth in their formation documents
- For example, if the utility rates increase 10% in one year, but the district is limited to a 5% increase, then the district would require a 5% contribution from the General Fund to meet their utility needs

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- General benefit contribution based on the budgeted expenses for the districts totals \$93,466 and an additional \$158,264 is being proposed to offset the estimated utility overage.
- Total Fiscal Year 2020-21 General Fund contribution is estimated to be approximately \$251,730 for the City's LMDs
- This contribution includes a subsidy for Cameron Ranch which is currently underfunded

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QUESTIONS

ANSWERS