



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, find that it is in the public interest to underground utility lines along Willow Street between the westerly City boundary and Atlantic Avenue, and adopt resolution establishing Underground Utility District No. 40. (Districts 6,7)

Willow Street from the westerly City Limits to Atlantic Avenue is a major arterial with a heavy concentration of overhead utility lines in an area of dense commercial land use. City Staff, with the assistance of Southern California Edison (SCE), gave a high priority to undergrounding utilities along this street section, due to the high degree of visual streetscape enhancement that could be achieved. In order for SCE to begin planning this project, the City must first establish it as an underground utility district, to be known as Underground Utility District No. 40. A map showing the district is attached as Exhibit A.

On September 6, 2006, the City Council adopted Resolution No. RES-06-0099, declaring its intention to establish the underground utility District 40, and set October 10, 2006, as the date for the public hearing. A copy of the September 6, 2006, City Council letter is attached as Exhibit B. Notice of the October 10th hearing was mailed to all of the owners and residents along the subject portion of Willow Street on September 29, 2006. This matter was reviewed by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 24, 2006, and Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten on October 3, 2006.

City Council action to create the underground utility district is requested on October 10, 2006, so that SCE can begin project planning. SCE estimates that the undergrounding process will take up to three years from the date the District is formally adopted by the City Council.

The estimated cost of these projects to be funded by SCE, with rate reimbursements under Public Utilities Commission Rule 20A allocations, is \$6,800,000. The City may incur some minor costs (approximately \$20,000) for construction of underground electrical feeds to the City-owned street lighting system. These costs will not formally be known until final plans have been developed for the project. Such funds, if needed, will come from those budgeted in the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Public Works (PW) for street light maintenance.

Approve recommendation.

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