



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

333 West Ocean Boulevard • Long Beach, CA 90802

November 22, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach

California

RECOMMENDATION:

Enter into a purchase order with Harris and Associates for assessment engineering services for the proposed Toledo Utility Undergrounding District in the amount of \$25,000, and increase budget appropriation by \$25,000 in the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Public Works (PW). (District 3)

DISCUSSION

In 2004, a majority of the homeowners along 5429 to 5548 The Toledo filed a petition with the City Engineer to form a Rule 20B assessment district, to fund the undergrounding of the utilities along the street area as shown on Exhibit A. Under Rule 20B the property owners are liable for the costs of the undergrounding work.

On September 21, 2004, the Council authorized Southern California Edison (SCE) to prepare a detailed estimate of the costs that would be associated with the proposed undergrounding work (Council letter attached as Exhibit B). SCE has now completed this work. The next step in the district formation process is to prepare an Engineer's Report in accordance with the Municipal Improvement Act of 1913. This report determines how the cost of the project will be spread to the individual property owners benefiting from the undergrounding work. Once the report is complete, balloting of the property owners will be undertaken in accordance with Proposition 218. If 50 percent (based on assessment amount) are in favor of the project, the City Council may approve the district formation and the undergrounding work will commence. Attached is an informational brochure on the formation of assessment districts, labeled as Exhibit C.

The City has received a cost proposal from Harris and Associates to prepare the required report. This firm prepared the preliminary work related to the possible formation of this district and is well qualified to prepare the required Engineer's Report.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on November 16, 2005.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

Preparation of the required Engineer's Report is an unbudgeted cost and will, therefore, require an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$25,000. If the district is approved through the balloting process and formed by the City Council, the \$25,000 will be reimbursed to the City via the assessments collected from the property owners within the district. If the district is voted down, the \$25,000 will not be recovered.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

APPROVED:



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