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March 16, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the Fire Facilities Impact Fee Report for Fiscal Year 2009.
(Citywide)

DISCUSSION

This Fiscal Year 2009 (FY 09) Fire Facilities Impact Fee Annual Report was prepared in accordance with Municipal Code Section 18.23.140, and California Government Code Section 66006, to update the status of the Fire Facilities Impact Fee Fund. This report covers the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

In April 2007, the Long Beach City Council established the Fire Facilities Impact Fee. The Fee is imposed on new development and is to mitigate the impact of new development on fire facilities. New development increases the demand for public safety facilities and impact fees help defray the costs for these facilities. In the August 18, 2006 Public Safety Impact Fee Study, which was presented to City Council on September 12, 2006, the fee was determined by: (1) using demographic information to prepare growth projections; (2) identifying facility deficiencies by taking inventory of existing facilities and identifying specific planned facilities; (3) determining the amount and cost of facilities required to accommodate new development based on the facility deficiencies and growth projections; and (4) calculating the public facilities fee by allocating the total cost of facilities per unit of development. The Director of Development Services sets this fee and would recommend any needed changes to the fee.

Funds collected from the Fire Facilities Impact Fee shall be used to fund the costs of providing additional Fire services attributable to new residential and non-residential construction and shall include: (1) the acquisition of additional property for fire department facilities; (2) the construction of new buildings for fire department services; (3) the furnishing of new buildings or facilities for fire department services; (4) the purchasing of equipment, apparatus, and vehicles for fire department services; (5) the funding of a master plan to identify capital facilities to serve new fire department development; and (6) the cost of financing related to the previous five items.

The Fire Facilities Impact Fees are as follows:

Description	Fee	Per
Residential - Single Family Unit	\$496.00	Dwelling Unit
Residential – Multi-Family Unit (two or more dwelling units)	\$378.00	Dwelling Unit
Nonresidential - Commercial	\$0.267	Square Ft
Nonresidential - Office	\$0.325	Square Ft
Nonresidential - Industrial	\$0.132	Square Ft

Through September 30, 2009, \$13,578.32 in fees (\$12,827.44) and interest (\$750.88) has been received. No funds were expended in FY 09, however a refund of \$35,058.77 of prior year's paid fees was processed. The refund was approved by City Council on June 9, 2009 in Agenda item #C-4 for fees inadvertently assessed and paid by Target Corporation for property at 6750 Cherry Avenue. The following chart summarizes the Fire Facilities Impact Fee Fund's activity.

Beginning Balance	\$45,336.05
Resources	
Fees Collected and Interest	\$13,578.32
Expenditures	\$0
Refunds	\$35,058.77
Ending Balance	\$23,855.60

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on February 8, 2010.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 16, 2010. State law directs that this report be received no later than 180 days following the end of the fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT

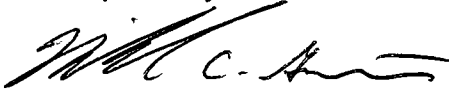
There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER