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Honorable Members in Session:

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SUBJECT: Assessment Rate for the Southside Street Lighting Assessment District

SUMMARY

Plans and specifications have been prepared for the subject project. Council has previously established a \$3 per front foot assessment rate for street light assessment districts in low and moderate income areas with standard residential width streets. The subject project is the first district in the Central City area where costs are appreciably higher due to street widths and the presence of large trees. This report recommends that an assessment rate of \$5 per front foot be set for the subject project and future Central City street light assessment districts.

BACKGROUND

For 1978, the Council adopted a policy which required property owners to pay \$3 per front foot in CDBG subsidized street light assessment districts. This policy was based on data that showed that this amount would be about one-third the cost of the lights. The cost data was for street lights used in standard residential areas.

The City Engineer's office has recently completed plans and specifications for the Southside Street Lighting Assessment District. This district is the first one in the Central City area to be designed since the previously mentioned policy was established. The streets in the Central City area are about twice as wide as the standard residential streets, and therefore require higher intensity lights and larger light standards. Also, because of traffic, more lights are required at intersections and extensive tree trimming is required when lights are installed. In addition, shorter blocks result in more corner lots, requiring a larger City contribution. Because of these factors, the cost for street lights in the Central City is substantially more than the normal residential street lights. If the property owner were required to pay one-third of the cost in the Central City, it would be \$7 per front foot, instead of the aforementioned \$3 per front foot.

This matter was brought before the Budget and Finance Committee at the January 8, 1980 meeting and by a 4-0 vote, the Committee recommended a \$5 per front foot assessment rate. The rationale behind this recommendation was that the resultant average assessment in the Central City would be comparable to the average assessment in subsidized assessment districts in other areas of the City. This is the case, because the Central City lots are generally narrower (40 ft.) than in other CD areas of the City (60 to 70 ft. lot widths). Therefore, a \$5 per front foot rate results in an average \$200 assessment in the Central City and a \$3 rate in other CD areas of the City results in an average assessment of \$180 to \$210.

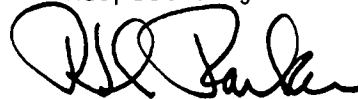
FINANCIAL

The estimated cost for the Southside Street Lighting Assessment District is \$545,450, including engineering. Funds currently budgeted for the City contribution for this project amount to \$380,000. If the property owners are required to pay \$5 per front foot, approximately \$45,000 of additional CDBG funds will be required. Sufficient funds are available in the 1979/80 CDBG Contingency Fund to cover the additional amount. However, it is recommended that additional funds not be allocated until after bids have been received. The addition of \$45,000 will result in a 78% City participation level for the subject project.

RECOMMENDATION


It is recommended that Council set the assessment rate for the Southside Street Lighting Assessment District, and future Central City street lighting assessment districts, at \$5 per front foot.

Respectfully submitted,



R. H. PARKER
City Engineer

Recommendation Approved:


Walter J. Slife, City Manager

RHP/MHJ/lc

January 15, 1980
Districts 1 and 4

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To: R. PARKER, CITY ENGINEER REFERRAL OF AGENDA ITEM, MEETING OF 1-15-80

Comments ITEM NO. 26: The Council set the assessment rate for Southside St. Lighting A/D, & future Central City St. lighting A/D's, at \$5 per front foot.

cc: Street Assessments
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