

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: June 2, 2008

Reviewed by: *BP*

Subject: Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1988-1 and Assessment District No. 1996-1 for the 2008/09 Fiscal Year, and Set a Public Hearing for June 16, 2008 on the proposed assessments.

Report By: Ann Chaney, Community Development Director
Randy Leptien, City Engineer

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve Resolution #08-30 - A Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1988-1 for the 2008/09 and 2009/10 Fiscal Years (Pursuant to the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972), set a public hearing for June 16, 2008 on the proposed assessments; and
2. Approve Resolution #08-31 - A Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1996-1 for the 2008/09 and 2009/10 Fiscal Years (Pursuant to the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972), set a public hearing for June 16, 2008 on the proposed assessments.

BACKGROUND

This years LLAD budget is for a two-year period to coincide with the City's two-year budget cycle. This has been done for planning purposes. However, pursuant to state law, for actual assessment purposes, the attached resolutions apply only to the upcoming fiscal year. Attached is a memorandum from Randy Leptien, City Engineer, dated May 27, 2008. This memorandum is similar to a report sent to the Park and Recreation Commission, that incorporates comments made by the Commission.

Lighting Assessment District (No. 1988-1)

In 1988 the City Council established a Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (No. 1988-1). By state law, on an annual basis the Council must pass a Resolution of Intention to order improvements and levy assessments in the assessment district. At this meeting, staff recommends that the City Council approve the Resolution of Intention.

The proposed FY 2008/09 assessment for a detached single-family residential parcel is \$75.54. This amount is the same as was levied last year. Assessments for other parcels of land are based on benefit as determined by the Assessment District engineer.

Although the majority of the funds will go toward maintaining Albany's existing lighting and landscaping infrastructure, some of these funds will be used toward improving the City's medians, Ohlone Greenway, and recreation facilities. The proposed budget was presented to the Park and Recreation Commission in April and May, and staff will report on the Commission's recommendation at the June 16 City Council meeting.

Lighting and Landscaping District No. 1996-1

In 1996 the City Council established Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1996-1 and provides funds for open space, ballfields and creek restoration. By state law on an annual basis, the Council must pass a Resolution of Intention to order improvements and levy annual assessments in this assessment district. In recent years Measure R has provided supplemental funding for Codornices Creek restoration and park improvement projects. Refer to the attached memorandum from Randy Leptien regarding proposed projects.

The proposed 2008-09 FY assessment for a detached single-family residential parcel is \$69. This amount is the same as was levied last year. Assessments for other parcels of land are based on benefit as determined by the Assessment District engineer.

Public Hearing for Districts No. 1988-1 and 1996-1

On April 7, 2008, the Council approved Resolution #08-19 directing Leptien, Cronin, Cooper, Morris & Poore, Inc., Engineer of Record, to prepare and file the annual report for each of these respective districts. These annual reports, including the diagram of the district and the assessment roll, are on file with the City Clerk. Approval of Resolution #08-30 and #08-31 sets June 16, 2008 as the date when the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed assessment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Attachments

Resolution # 08-30

Resolution # 08-31

Memorandum from Randy Leptien, City Engineer, dated May 27, 2008 and attachments