

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

Agenda Date: June 20, 2005
Date Prepared: June 13, 2005
Reviewed by: _____

Subject: Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1988-1 and Assessment District No. 1996-1 for the 2005/06 Fiscal Year, and Set a Public Hearing for July 5, 2005 on the proposed assessments.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve Resolution #05-35 - A Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1988-1 for the 2005/06 Fiscal Year (Pursuant to the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972);
2. Approve Resolution #05-37 - A Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1996-1 for the 2005/06 Fiscal Year (Pursuant to the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972); and
3. Set a Public Hearing for July 5, 2005 on the proposed assessments.

BACKGROUND

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 2005/06 FY 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 Buchanan Street medians and upgrading the lighting along the Ohlone Greenway, as

recommended in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. In the past, a specific allocation of discretionary funds was available for lighting and landscaping projects. The final project using discretionary will be \$20,000 for the Ocean View tennis courts resurfacing which is identified the Capital Improvement Program. In the future, if there are discretionary funds available, the Commission could make a recommendation to the City Council for an appropriate project(s).

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. At this meeting, staff recommends that the City Council approve the Resolution of Intention.

The proposed 2005/06 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 March 7, 2005 the Council approved Resolution #05-7 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 #05-35 and #05-37 sets July 5, 2005 as the date when the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed assessment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Attachment

Resolution # 05-35

Resolution # 05-37