Lompoc City Council Agenda Item

Date: May 18, 2010

TO: Laurel M. Barcelona, City Administrator

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 5635(10) OF INTENTION TO LEVY

ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11, PRELIMINARILY APPROVE AN ENGINEER'S REPORT, AND PROVIDE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PARK MAINTENANCE AND CITY POOL ASSESSMENT NO. 2002-01

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry the City Council adopt Resolution 5635(10) (i) to preliminarily approve the Engineer's Report and (ii) provide notice of a public hearing for the proposed continuation of the assessments for the Park Maintenance and City Pool Assessment District No. 2002-01 in order to receive any public input on the proposed continuation of the assessments, the proposed assessment budget for fiscal year 2010-11, the services and improvements of the assessments fund and any other issues related to the assessments.

BACKGROUND:

In the spring of 2002, the City developed an assessment for funding a portion of the cost of a new community swimming pool, park improvements and other park and recreation maintenance services. That proposed assessment, the "Park Maintenance and City Pool Assessment District No. 2002-01," was approved by property owners in an assessment ballot proceeding conducted during June through August of 2002. In August 2002, the balloting period was closed and since a weighted majority of ballots returned were in support of the proposed assessment, the Council approved and levied the assessments.

The assessments can be levied annually and can be increased by the change in the Los Angeles Area Consumer Price Index, not to exceed 3% per year. Since 2002-03, the assessments have been levied annually and are providing important revenues needed to fund the new community swimming pool, as well as other park and recreation improvements and services.



Below is a table showing the yearly CPI and rate changes for the Park Maintenance and City Pool Assessment:

		Max	CPI used for	Reserved		
CPI as of January		Available CPI	City of Lompoc	CPI	History of Assessment Rate Used	
			1st yr	0.00%	FY 02-03	\$19.0000
Jan-03	3.52%	3.52%	3.00%	0.52%	FY 03-04	\$19.5700
Jan-04	1.78%	2.30%	1.78%	0.52%	FY 04-05	\$19.9183
Jan-05	3.66%	4.18%	3.00%	1.18%	FY 05-06	\$20.5159
Jan-06	5.42%	6.60%	3.00%	3.60%	FY 06-07	\$21.1314
Jan-07	3.16%	6.76%	3.00%	3.76%	FY 07-08	\$21.7653
Jan-08	3.95%	7.71%	3.00%	4.71%	FY 08-09	\$22.4183
Jan-09	-0.09%	4.62%	3.00%	1.62%	FY 09-10	\$23.0908
Jan-10	1.77%	3.39%	3.00%	0.39%	FY 10-11	\$23.7835

In order to continue to levy the assessments, the Council, on March 16, 2010, directed SCI Consulting Group, the assessment engineer, to prepare an Engineer's Report for fiscal year 2010-11. That Engineer's Report, which includes the proposed budget for the assessments for fiscal year 2010-11 and the updated proposed assessments for each parcel in the City, was completed and filed with the City on May 7, 2010. The amount of the annual increase in the CPI-U is 1.77%, and the unused CPI carried forward from the previous year is 1.62% making the total available CPI-U 3.39%. The authorized maximum levy rate for fiscal year 2010-11 is 3.00% above the maximum levy rate for fiscal year 2009-10. Including the authorized annual adjustment, the maximum authorized assessment rate for fiscal year 2010-11 is \$23.78 per single-family equivalent. The levy rate proposed for fiscal year 2010-11 is \$23.78 and is the maximum levy rate. The total amount of revenues that would be generated by the assessments in fiscal year 2010-11 is approximately \$267,844.

DISCUSSION:

It is recommended the Council approve Resolution 5635(10) to levy the assessments for fiscal year 2010-11 and to direct additional actions related to the levy of the assessments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The expected costs of preparing the Engineer's Report by SCI Consulting Group is included in the 2010-2011 budget from the Assessment District fund - a non-General Fund source. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact attributable to the approval of this item. The approval of Resolution 5635(10) is the initial step in the process that would provide for levying the annual assessments for fiscal year 2010-11.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan McCaffrey, Director
Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Department
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO CITY COUNCIL:
Laurel M. Barcelona, City Administrator

Attachment 1 Proposed Resolution 5635(10)
Attachment 2 Proposed Preliminary Engineer's Report For Fiscal Year 2010-11 Levy