

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 4/21/08		Item Number: <u>A-9</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Report, Declaring the Intention to Order the Annual Assessment Levy, and Setting the Date, Time, and Place for the Public Hearing for the Sewer User's Service Charge			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master Notification List (04/17/08); Published in the Culver City News on 04/17/08			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (04/10/08)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (04/16/08)	
Fiscal Impact Review: Jeff Muir (04/16/08)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (04/17/08)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> That the City Council Adopt a Resolution: 1. Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Report for the Sewer User Service Charge for Fiscal Year 2008/2009; and, 2. Declaring its Intention to Order the Levy of Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2008/2009; and, 3. Setting the Public Hearing for June 9, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers. <u>BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:</u> Culver City obtains sewage treatment services at the City of Los Angeles' Hyperion Treatment Plant through an Amalgamated Agreement with the City of Los Angeles. This Agreement requires Culver City to pay a proportionate share of the costs of conveyance, operation, maintenance, repair and capital improvements to upgrade and improve the Amalgamated Sewerage system. Culver City owns and operates a separate sewage collection system, which is connected to the Amalgamated system. Federal law requires that all other agencies using the City of Los Angeles' Hyperion Treatment Plant adopt a system of charges to assure that each property served by a public sewer pay its fair share of costs for the operation, maintenance, repair and improvement of Hyperion Treatment Plant. The "fair share" of each sewer-using			

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property is based on its contribution to the system in terms of flow quantity and sewage quality (biochemical oxygen demand and suspended solids).

This is in addition to the cost experienced by Culver City in the collection, operation, and improvement of our own sewage collection and conveyance system.

All of these costs are annually determined and presented to the City Council in the City Engineer's Report, in accordance with Section 5.02.035 of the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC). The proposed charges for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 will address estimated costs for providing complete operation, maintenance, and local capital improvements for the Culver City sewerage system and for the estimated payments due to the City of Los Angeles for Culver City's share of the Los Angeles Amalgamated System costs.

In addition to formulating and adopting a system of Sewer User's Service Charges, the City must also select a system of collecting these charges. In 1980, based on an engineering study and the City Engineer's recommendation, the City Council initiated a once-a-year billing procedure for Sewer User's Service Charges that places each property owner's charges on their property tax bill. This method of collection has proven to be very efficient and provides the lowest cost billing and collection service for Culver City.

A Public Hearing will be held not earlier than 45 days after authorization by the City Council and advertisement of the hearing, with a proposed date of June 09, 2008. All affected property owners will be mailed a notification of any proposed increased assessment and the date, time and location of the public hearing, as required by Proposition 218. During the scheduled Public Hearing, the City will consider all protests against any proposed increase and assessment.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Engineer's Report will assess the need to impose any increase over last year's Sewer User's Service Charge. This analysis will include a review of the rates proposed by the City of Los Angeles for conveyance and treatment of Culver City sewage for the coming fiscal year.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution of Intention

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MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

Adopt a Resolution Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Report, Declaring the Intention to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 and setting a Public Hearing for June 09, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Council Chamber in accordance with Proposition 218.