

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 06/08/15	Item Number: PH-5
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC HEARING - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for the Sewer User's Service Charge for Fiscal Year 2015/2016	
Contact Person/Dept.: Mate Gaspar/PW	Phone Number: (310) 253-5602
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐	General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing: ☒	Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒ Date: _____	
Public Notification: (E-Mail) Agenda and Meetings – (PUBLISH) Culver City News (05/21/15); (USPS) Property Owners (05/18/15).	
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (05/27/15)	City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (06/01/15)
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (06/02/15)	City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (06/02/15)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution confirming the assessment and ordering the levy for the Sewer User's Service Charge for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

PROCEDURE:

1. Mayor seeks a motion from the City Council to receive and file the affidavits of publication and posting of notices and correspondence received in response to the public hearing notices; and,
2. Mayor calls for a staff report, and the City Council Members may pose questions to staff as desired; and,
3. Mayor seeks a motion to open the public hearing; and,
4. Mayor seeks a motion to close the public hearing after all public testimony has been presented; and,
5. The City Council discusses the item and arrives at its decision.

BACKGROUND:

On July 22, 2013, following a duly noticed and conducted public hearing, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2013-R053, increasing the Sewer User's Service

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Charge by 4% per year for three successive years (Fiscal Years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, and 2015/2016), with an exception of a 3% rate increase for single family residences in Fiscal Year 2015/2016 only. In addition, base charges and commodity charges were adjusted to a 60%/40% revenue split in accordance with a rate study completed by NBS, the City's consultant.

On May 11, 2015, the City Council adopted a resolution that approved the Engineer's Report, declared its intention to order the assessment levy and collection of assessments, and set the date, time, and place for this public hearing for the Sewer User's Service Charge.

DISCUSSION:

A notice was mailed to each property owner advising them that the sewer user's service charge will be increased as authorized for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. A copy of the notice is attached.

Pursuant to Section 5.02.035.C of the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC), any interested persons may file a written protest with the City Clerk (or withdrawal a previously filed protest) until the conclusion of the Public Hearing. Pursuant to CCMC 5.02.035.D, at the conclusion of the hearing, the City Council shall allow or overrule any objections. Unless there is a majority protest present, adoption of the proposed Resolution shall overrule any objections received and confirm and levy the sewer user's service charge against each parcel as a special assessment and lien on that parcel.

Copies of all written protests will be given to the City Council on the night of the meeting.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Adoption of the proposed resolution will authorize the collection of the sewer user's service charge for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. The City Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 includes the amount of \$8,890,993 in Sewer Operating Fees (20460300.357100).

ATTACHMENT:

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Engineer's Report
3. Notice of Previously Authorized Increase in Sewer User's Service Charge

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MOTION:

That the City Council:

(Absent a majority protest) Adopt a resolution confirming the assessment and ordering the levy of the Sewer User's Service Charge for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.