

AGENDA REPORT

DATE July 16, 2002

ITEM: RESOLUTION 9214 OF INTENT TO CONSOLIDATE & MODIFY SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICTS 11, 1070, 1212, 1213, 1224, 1228, 1254, 1256, 1274, 1278, 1284 AND 1293 INTO SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT – RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING “SLD-R” NO. 1296

INITIATED BY: FISCAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ACTION REQUESTED: ADOPT RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CONSOLIDATE & MODIFY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING

PREPARED BY: JUDY BURG, ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN

PRESENTED BY: COLEEN BALZARINI, CITY CONTROLLER

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt Resolution 9214 and set a public hearing date.

MOTION:

I move the City Commission adopt Resolution 9214 and set a public hearing for August 6, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

SYNOPSIS:

CONSOLIDATION

Consolidation of Special Lighting Districts No. 11, 1070, 1212, 1213, 1224, 1228, 1254, 1256, 1274, 1278, 1284 and 1293 into a single street lighting district Special Lighting District – Residential Lighting “SLD-R” 1296 is proposed in addition to some minor modifications to the boundaries in accordance with 7-12-4354, MCA. This would result in an estimated annual assessment in the consolidated and modified areas of \$77.57 for an average lot size of 10,656 square feet. All light fixtures, poles, and wiring, existing and proposed are of similar size, type and material found within the areas throughout the City. Boundaries of the consolidated lighting districts are outlined on Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

M.C.A.7-12-4335 authorizes once a year boundary changes to existing special lighting districts, providing the change does not affect the existing costs in the district. There would be no increase to properties existing in the proposed consolidated district, as the service in those areas would not change.

BACKGROUND:

CONSOLIDATION

On December 19, 2000, during a City Commission Work Session, Fiscal Services made a presentation on a move toward “Special Lighting Districts Consolidation”. That presentation offered the following history and proposal:

- In 1982 and 1983 over 250 individual lighting districts were consolidated into 19 districts.
- At the present time we are now back up to 45 current districts.
- All of the properties, within the several current lighting districts in Great Falls, are essentially benefiting from the same type of lights and service. Consolidation would bring assessments to a more equitable median.
- For assessment and administrative purposes we are proposing the consolidation of 31 districts into 4 districts with 14 districts remaining as they are currently.
- In the event future lighting is established, modification of one of the 4 newly consolidated districts would be done so that we are not continually creating new districts.

Brief description of Lighting Districts proposed for consolidation into Special Lighting District – Residential Lighting “SLD-R” No. 1296:

1. Modified Special Lighting District (SLD) 11 was created by Resolution 8520 on November 17, 1992 for 20 lights within the area bounded by Blocks 1 and 2, Lots 1 through 6, Viles and Robinson Addition, Tracts 1 through 8, Hillside Tract and Block 16, Lots 5 through 11 and Lots 12 through 18, Mount Royal Addition.
2. Consolidated SLD 1070 was created by Resolution 7829 on August 8, 1983 for 5,412 lights within various localities throughout the City.
3. Consolidated SLD 1212 was created by Resolution 7831 on August 8, 1983 for 732 lights within various localities throughout the City.
4. SLD 1213 was created by Resolution 7380 on September 18, 1979 for 16 lights within the area bounded by Portage Meadows #3 Addition.
5. SLD 1224 was created by Resolution 7718 on July 20, 1982 for 20 lights within the area bounded by Eastlands Addition.
6. SLD 1228 was created by Resolution 7880 on April 3, 1984 for 15 lights within the area bounded by Adobe Drive, Linden Drive, Coyote Court, Coyote Lane and Tanager Court all as contained on the Plat of Fox Farm Addition #4 and along a portion of Coyote Lane contained in Fox Farm Addition #1 and adjacent to Lots 52 through 55, Block 1, Fox Farm Addition #4.

7. SLD 1254 was created by Resolution 8238 on November 1, 1988 for 43 lights within the area bounded by 6th and 7th Street NE, 34th Avenue NE between 6th and 7th Street NE, and 35th and 36th Avenue NE between 9th Street NE and west to the City Limits.
8. SLD 1256 was created by Resolution 8347 on May 1, 1990 for 26 lights within the area bounded by the Northridge Addition and Hauer Addition.
9. SLD 1274 was created by Resolution 8635 on May 3, 1994 for 88 lights within the area bounded from 19th Avenue SW to 24th Avenue SW and 11th Street SW to Treasure State Drive.
10. Consolidated SLD 1278 was created by Resolution 9057 on December 15, 1999 for 113 lights within various localities throughout the City.
11. SLD 1284 was created by Resolution 8937 on April 7, 1998 for 9 lights within the area bounded from 31st Street North to 34th Street North along 9th Avenue North.
12. SLD 1293 was created by Resolution 9101 on September 5, 2000 for 12 lights within the area bounded from 41st Street North to 42nd Street North along 6th and 7th Avenues North.

After researching the special lighting districts and their boundaries, it was discovered that some properties were benefiting from the street lighting, but were not included within the boundary lines of those districts. With this consolidation, the modified boundary lines will include those properties.

A request to install seven (7) street lights by a developer in the general location of Ferguson Drive and Alpine Drive is being included in this consolidation; the estimated date of installation is August 2002. The properties involved in the development will be assessed for street lighting on a prorated basis once the lights are installed.