

AGENDA REPORT

DATE August 6, 2002

ITEM: RESOLUTION 9211 CONSOLIDATE & MODIFY SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT – TRILATERAL LIGHTING “SLD-T” NO. 1297

INITIATED BY: FISCAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ACTION REQUESTED: CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION 9211 TO CONSOLIDATE & MODIFY SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT – TRILATERAL LIGHTING “SLD-T” NO. 1295

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RECOMMENDATION:

Conduct public hearing and adopt Resolution 9211, Consolidating and Modifying Special Lighting District – Trilateral Lighting “SLD-T” No. 1297.

MOTION:

“I move the City Commission adopt Resolution 9211.”

SYNOPSIS:

CONSOLIDATION

Consolidation of Special Lighting Districts No. 900, 955 and 1040 into a single trilateral lighting district, Special Lighting District – Trilateral Lighting “SLD-T” No. 1297, is proposed in addition to some minor modifications to the boundaries in accordance with 7-12-4354, M.C.A. Trilateral lighting districts are formed when three entities work together to install street lighting along an arterial roadway. In this instance the roadway was 10th Avenue South and the three entities involved were the City of Great Falls, Northwestern Energy (formerly: Montana Power) and the Montana Department of Transportation. With the newly consolidated and modified lighting district, lighting costs would result in an estimated annual assessment of \$113.41 for an average lot size of 18,683 square feet. All light fixtures, poles, and wiring, existing and proposed are of similar size, type and material found within areas throughout the City. Boundaries of the newly consolidated lighting district 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 – Trilateral Lighting “SLD-T” No. 1297:

1. Special Lighting District (SLD) 900 was created by Resolution 4899 on March 26, 1956 for 36 lights, within the area bounded by the center line of 10th Alley South, the center line of 14th Street South, the center line and center line extended of 11th Alley South and the center line and center line extended of 2nd Street South.
2. SLD 955 was created by Resolution 5146 on April 14, 1958 for 47 lights along the streets and avenues, within the area bounded by the center line of 14th Street South, the center line of 10th Alley South, the center line of 28th Street South and the center line of 11th Alley South.
3. SLD 1040 was created by Resolution 5591 on August 6, 1962 for 13 lights in the area of 10th Avenue South, from the east line of 34th Street to the west line of 38th Street South.

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.