

**ITEM** RESOLUTION 9330 TO LEVY AND ASSESS SPECIAL MAINTENANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT – COMMERCIAL LIGHTING “SLD-C” NO. 1295

**INITIATED BY** ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

**ACTION REQUESTED** CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 9330

**PREPARED BY** JUDY BURG, ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN

**PRESENTED BY** COLEEN BALZARINI, CITY CONTROLLER

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Following the public hearing and barring sufficient protest, staff recommends adoption of Resolution 9330.

**MOTION:**

“I move to adopt Resolution 9330.”

**SYNOPSIS:**

On August 5, 2003, the City Commission set a September 2, 2003 public hearing date to hear anyone wishing to speak for or against Special Maintenance Lighting District – Commercial Lighting “SLD-C” No. 1295 Assessments.

The Fiscal Services Department has finalized the SLD-C maintenance cost estimate which is reflected in Resolution 9330. These costs include a projected 16% increase in budgeted utility expenses due to the recent development pertaining to the City’s contract on energy costs. Maintenance and an administrative fee equal to 10% of estimated costs for this district as presented in the annual budget will remain the same. The \$55,495 assessment for fiscal year 03/04 projects charges based on actual billings for the district and adjustments for cash balances from prior fiscal years.

**BACKGROUND:**

In order to legally provide for the necessary assessment support, State laws require City Commission hearings and passage of authorizing resolutions. In accordance with Section 7-12-4329, M.C.A., publication of the Notice of Resolution for Assessment was made within 5 days preceding the Public Hearing.

Sections 7-12-4301 and 7-12-4333, M.C.A., authorize the City Commission to create lighting districts and to assess the costs of installing and/or maintaining the districts to the owners of the property embraced within the boundaries of such districts.

The 03/04 assessment for SLD-C is indicated on the attached projection sheet.