



**Item:** Resolution 9851 to Levy and Assess Properties within Special Improvement Lighting Districts

**From:** Martha Capps, Operations Supervisor

**Initiated By:** Annual Assessment Process

**Presented By:** Coleen Balzarini, Fiscal Services Director

**Action Requested:** City Commission conduct public hearing and adopt Resolution 9851

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**Public Hearing:**

1. Mayor conducts public hearing, calling three times each for opponents and proponents.
2. Mayor closes public hearing and asks the will of the Commission.

**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission (adopt /deny) Resolution 9851.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, and calls for the vote.
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**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Commission adopt Resolution 9851.

**Background:** There are currently 26 Special Improvement Lighting Districts (SLD's) with approximately 9,420 roadway lights, lighting over 76% of the city. The Special Improvement Lighting District Funds are administered by the Fiscal Services Department. The purpose of the fund is to maintain and furnish electrical current for the Lighting Districts throughout the year.

The budget development process begins in January of each year when the Fiscal Services Department receives their midyear financial reports. The midyear reports are used to determine the current financial position of the Special Improvement Lighting District Funds, which is the basis for projecting future earnings and expenditures. Each lighting district's assessed cost is based upon existing rates, cash balance and proposed increases. Information is gathered regarding the actual and anticipated expenses, goals and objectives of the lighting district. After determining financial factors pertinent to the operation of the Lighting District an assessment amount for the next fiscal year is calculated, proposed and presented to the City Commissioners for approval.

**Concurrences:** Fiscal Services staff is responsible for the operational expenses, along with assessing and collecting the revenues necessary for the operations; Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of the Districts.

**Fiscal Impact:** Adoption of Resolution 9851 will allow the City to fund the operational and maintenance costs required to be made each year in the Special Improvement Lighting Districts.

**ASSESSMENT ANTICIPATED**

The anticipated assessment amount for Special Improvement Lighting District funds for the next fiscal year is the amount projected through the Budget Development Process. The maintenance and administrative fee equal to 10% of the estimated costs for the districts as presented in the annual budget will remain the same. The ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$1,390,777) estimated assessment for Fiscal Year 09/10 projects charges based on actual billings for the district and adjustments for cash balances from prior fiscal years.

A comparison of Special Improvement Lighting District annual assessments since 2006 is provided:

<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSESSMENT</u>	
\$1,151,930	05/06 (19 Districts) <sup>1</sup>
\$1,165,547	06/07 (19 Districts)
\$1,180,235	07/08 (22 Districts) <sup>2</sup>
\$1,277,587	08/09 (24 Districts) <sup>3</sup>
\$1,390,777	09/10 (26 Districts) <sup>4</sup>

- 1 Modification to Special Improvement Lighting District – Alley Lighting “SLD-A” No. 1294 – four new alley lights were added to the district.
- 2 Three new City-owned Residential Lighting Districts were created in FY 06/07 – Special Improvement Lighting Districts No. 1302, No. 1304 and No. 1306.
- 3 Two new City-owned Residential Lighting Districts were created in FY 07/08 – Special Improvement Lighting Districts No. 1308 and No. 1310-
- 4 Two new City-owned Residential Lighting Districts were created in FY 08/09 – Special Improvement Lighting Districts No. 1303 and No. 1305, and are being assessed under Resolutions No. 9849 and No. 9850, respectively. Minor modifications to Special Improvement Lighting District 1295 – Commercial Lighting District (SLD-C) – two lights were removed and Special Improvement Lighting District 1269 – four new period lights were added to the district.

The 09/10 assessment per district is indicated on the projection summary sheet attached to the Resolution.

**Alternatives:** The City Commission could choose to deny the adoption of Resolution 9851; however, the reduction in services to the community could be hazardous to the safety and welfare of the general public.

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Resolution 9851