



**Item:** Resolution 9888 to Levy and Assess Special Improvement General Boulevard Maintenance District No. 3570

**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 9888

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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 9888.”

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 9888.

**Background:** The Park and Recreation Department, Natural Resources – Boulevard Division is responsible for the care and maintenance of over 15,000 street trees located within the General Boulevard District. Services provided within the District are pruning, removal, planting, leaf pickup and streetscape design. The budget development process begins in January of each year when the Natural Resources – Boulevard Division receives its midyear financial reports. The midyear reports are used to determine the current financial position of the department and as the basis for projecting future earnings and expenditures. Information is gathered regarding the actual and anticipated expenses, future projects, goals and objectives of the department. After calculating all factors pertinent to the operation of the Natural Resources – Boulevard Division, an assessment amount for the next fiscal year is calculated, proposed and presented to the City Commissioners for approval.

**Concurrences:** Parks and Recreation Staff are responsible for the operation expenses of the Boulevard District Fund. Fiscal Services Staff are responsible for assessing and collecting the

Revenues necessary to carry out the operations. The City Commissioners have received information regarding the condition of the District and the Boulevard District Fund operations during the annual Budget Process.

**Fiscal Impact:** Adoption of Resolution 9888 will allow the City to finance the costs of work, improvements, and maintenance conducted each year in the special improvement boulevard maintenance district.

The anticipated assessment amount used to assess General Boulevard Maintenance for the next fiscal year is the amount projected through the Budget Development Process. For Fiscal Year 10/11 the General Boulevard Area assessment will increase 10% to \$0.008985 per square foot, compared to \$0.008168, or approximately \$6.13, as assessed in Fiscal Year 09/10, for a total of \$318,823. This will result in an approximate assessment of \$67.39 for an average lot of 7,500 square feet (7,500 sq ft x 0.008985 factor = \$67.39.)

The increase in the assessment is related to an increase in boulevard maintenance expenses, an increase in capital expense for tree replacement (other than Ash Trees covered by insurance), and the insurance deductible for Ash Tree replacement caused by a spring freeze in April, 2008.

**Alternatives:** The City Commission could choose to not set the public hearing and thereby deny the adoption of Resolution 9888 to Levy and Assess General Boulevard Maintenance; however, the reduction in services to trim, prune, spray, and maintain the trees within the district would be harmful and devastating to the overall shelter and beauty provided by the street trees to the community.

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Resolution 9888

Cc: Todd Semanski, City Forester