



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Administration and Finance

Item: Street Lighting Improvement District Assessments for fiscal year 2022

Date: August 5, 2021

Sponsor(s): Marty Rehbein

Prepared by: Same

Ward(s) Affected:

☐ Ward 1	☐ Ward 4
☐ Ward 2	☐ Ward 5
☐ Ward 3	☐ Ward 6
☒ All Wards	☐ N/A

Action Required:

Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution

Timeline and Recommended Motions:

Referral to committee: August 9, 2021

Committee discussion: August 11, 2021

Council sets public hearing: August 16, 2021

Recommended motion: Set a public hearing on August 23, 2021, on a resolution of the Missoula City Council levying and assessing a special assessment and tax on the lots, pieces and parcels of land situated within all special lighting districts of the City of Missoula, Montana, in the amount of \$368,471.00 to defray the cost of street lighting in special lighting districts during the fiscal year 2022.

Public Hearing: August 23, 2021

Final Consideration: August 30, 2021

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Background and Alternatives Explored:

Each year, the city levies assessments to pay for the costs of street lighting in the street lighting improvement districts (SLIDs) located throughout the city. The City's Road District Number 1 fund pays for 10% of the costs of lighting and property owners are assessed the remaining 90%. The city charges an administrative fee to cover the staff time to bill and process assessment payments. This year the city anticipates a 1.5% increase in street lighting rates from Northwestern Energy.

During fiscal year (FY) 2021, Northwestern Energy installed LED lighting in many of the lighting fixtures in the City's lighting district reducing energy consumption and the amount billed in many lighting districts. Public Works and Mobility has mapped lighting fixtures in the City's lighting districts and found gaps in street lighting from house to house and block to block. For fiscal year 2022, City

administration is recommending City Council continue assessing lighting districts in the same amount as FY 2021 as shown in the resolution, and direct staff to analyze the street lighting fund and make recommendations in FY 22 to address gaps in service and further the installation of energy efficient, cost saving lighting in the City's lighting districts.

Financial Implications:

This year's assessment is 368,471.00. Last year's assessment was the same amount.

Links to external websites: